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## Bigger Lidl store plan gets the all clear

REVISED plans to create a bigger supermarket on the site of an industrial estate have been agreed after a firm found new premises.

Supermarket chain Lidl had already won permission to build a store on part of the Duckworth trading estate, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford. But bosses wanted more land for a larger store and have reached agreement with tyre and exhaust centre Kingswinford Tyres to use its site too.

The company plans to move to Dawley Brook Road as part of expansion of the business.

### Demolished

Building work on the first phase of the supermarket will see existing buildings at the Duckworth site demolished and the land cleared to make way for the new store. This work is expected to begin in November with the actual construction of the new supermarket starting soon after.

It is expected to create 15 full-time and 25 part time positions. A 115 space car park will be created.

When agreeing the scheme councillors said they believed the town was 'big enough' to accommodate another supermarket and it would provide 'healthy competition'.

## Cemetery is to use pitch

A £150,000 project to expand a cemetery where only dozens of plots are remaining has been agreed by councillors.

Officials feared they could run out of plots by the autumn at Dudley Cemetery, off Stourbridge Road, but now planning committee members have agreed to use a former football pitch off Cleve Road.

The expansion would see enough plots created for the next 30 to 40 years and the council will aim to provide a football pitch elsewhere.

# GREEN LIGHT FOR FAST FOOD

**A MULTI-MILLION pound development that will include two new fast food restaurants, creating more than 100 jobs, has been given the green light by councillors.**

McDonald's and KFC will build new outlets near Stourbridge town centre after the proposals were granted planning permission by members of Dudley Council's planning committee on Monday.

The drive-thru branches will be built on land off Mill Race Lane occupied by the Hayes factory before it was demolished four years ago.

Under the plan by developer Jumbuk Limited, three units would be built in total. An occupier for the third unit has yet to be found.

Developers revealed the scheme hopes to create at least 65 full and part-time jobs at McDonald's and a further 40 positions at KFC.

### Return

The scheme would see the burger chain's return to the town for the first time since it closed its branch in the High Street in 2008 after 20 years.

It comes as building work is well under way to create a new Premier Inn hotel and Brewers Payre restaurant in nearby Birmingham Street, where around 65 jobs are expected to be created.

The nearest McDonald's branches to Stourbridge are currently in Kingswinford, Merry Hill and Lye while KFC's closest branch is at Amblecote.

The application submitted by Jumbuk says: "The proposals are for a high quality development which would contribute to the physical, environmental, economic and social renewal

### Report by Andrew Turton

of the area and enhance this gateway to the town centre.

Furthermore it would improve the appearance of the ring road."

Eighty-five neighbouring residents and businesses were consulted on the scheme and two letters of objection were lodged.

Concerns about access to the site and a potential increase in rubbish at the site were raised.

A report by case officer Richard Stevenson said: "The proposed development is considered to be acceptable in principle and allows the redevelopment of a vacant site."

The site was formerly the Hayes factory and the buildings were demolished in 2010.

Meanwhile, councillors also decided to restore an historic fountain in Dudley town centre as part of the regeneration plans, which also include a £6.7m revamp of the market place.

Water will once more flow from the 19th Century fountain in Dudley High Street under restoration plans which won unanimous backing.

Councillors have agreed to major works to renovate the Grade II\* listed Earl of Dudley fountain.

## New headmaster chosen for OSH



Next head teacher Paul Kilbride with current OSH head Peter Jones on a visit to the school

WHEN Paul Kilbride takes the reins of Old Swinford Hospital school he will be only the 19th headmaster in its 347 year history.

He will be succeeding Peter Jones, retiring in August after 26 years at the school.

Mr Kilbride, 40, was deputy headmaster of Bethany School in Kent. During a visit to Stourbridge, the father-of-three, who is married to Emma, said: "I am very excited about next September and building on the firm foundations made by Peter Jones and his predecessors."

### Contribution

"I look forward to joining a superb body of teaching staff and making my contribution to the on-going achievements of the pupils."

Mr Kilbride went to a British Army school in Germany before reading Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Mr Jones, 55, joined OSH in 1988 as Director of Sport. Mr Jones has also been a day housemaster, staff governor, boarding tutor and member of the senior management team. In 2001, he was appointed deputy headmaster.

He has been headmaster for eight years.

He said: "It has been an enormous privilege and honour to have been part of a very special and highly successful community."

"To end my career as an extremely proud headmaster means so much to me."

## Workman statue has lost shovel in crash

A STATUE built as a symbol for Black Country workers on a busy traffic island has been damaged after it was hit by a car.

More than £1,000 of damage has been caused to the Heroic Worker statue standing on the Cinder Bank island on Dudley Southern Bypass. The worker has lost his shovel.

This is not the first time the bronze figure has been damaged, as it has suffered a spate of vandalism attacks over the years.

Dudley's transport boss, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said the council was seeking cash through the driver's insurance company to pay for the repairs to the damage.

The 10ft high statue depicts a chainmaker with a sledgehammer and shovel. But the shovel has been broken in the crash.

Councillor Ahmed said: "The statue has been damaged in a car crash but it will be repaired. The likely cost will be over £1,000. We are hoping to recoup this money from the insurance company that covers the person who had the accident."

The figure, which cost £30,000 when it was commissioned, is part of a work on the island called Fires of Industry by artists Philip Bews and Diane Gorvin.

## Spitfire in hall fly-past

A SPITFIRE will take to the skies as one of the high-lights of Armed Forces Day commemorations in front of veterans.

Thousands are expected to attend the annual event at Himley Hall and Park on Sunday, June 29, to celebrate the dedication of servicemen and women.

Dudley Council has announced an RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight spitfire flypast at around 2pm, weather permitting. The event starts at 11am.

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# Police take to the air to watch reserve

HELICOPTERS are being called in to help police swoop on illegal off-road bikers on a Dudley nature reserve.

A police sergeant has requested support from the National Police Air Service as officers attempt to catch the riders at Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Pensnett.

A helicopter circled over the reserve for 15 minutes during a recent

visit by police and members of the Friends of Fens Pool group.

Police spokesman Carly Anderson said: "Requests can be made for a helicopter that is in the area to circle over the Fens Pool and see if there are any off-road vehicles. On this recent occasion, the helicopter circled for 15 minutes and there was no-one found but it was reassuring for the sergeant to see it."

"Fens Pool is a large open park, it is the ideal place for people to ride their off-road vehicles but it is also very dangerous and is illegal. People caught face having their vehicle seized."

Evelyn Bradley, chairman of the Friends of Fens Pool group, was with police and Brockmoor and Pensnett Councillor Judy Foster when the fly-over took place.

Ms Bradley has long-campaigned against the use of off-road vehicles on the 92 acre reserve. She said: "The reserve is very special and the bikers do a lot of damage. They are also associated with anti-social behaviour and walkers often face abuse when talking to them."

"The police helicopter is exactly what we want to help police on the ground."

# Call for statue of Black Country's 'Schindler'

HE risked his own life to save thousands of Jews from the horrors of Nazi Germany

Major Frank Foley used his position as a passport control officer at the British Embassy to bend the rules to save Jews from the concentration camps.

Dubbed the 'British Schindler' he hid escapees in his own home. It is believed he saved more than 10,000 Jews from the gas chambers.

Now a Black Country MP is campaigning for lasting memorial to the war hero in the Black Country in honour of his bravery and achievements. He retired to Stourbridge where he lived at Eveson Road in Norton until his death in 1958.

## Statue

There is already a statue dedicated to Major Foley is home town of Highbridge in Somerset but there is nothing on a similar scale in the Dudley borough.

There is a memorial plaque at the entrance to Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge but Dudley North MP Austin believes a local statue would be a fitting tribute to Major Foley, as well as helping to teach younger generations about the Second World War and the Holocaust.

He said Major Foley, who also served in the First World War, was a 'true local hero' and his name deserved to be recognised and celebrated.

Born in 1884, he worked for the Foreign Office and became Head of the British Passport Control Office in Germany in the 1930s. As he watched Adolf Hitler's rise to power, he realised Jewish families were vulnerable having witnesses the racist measures introduced by the Nazis.

During his work as a passport officer, he interpreted rules on visas loosely and even forged passports enabling people to escape to Britain and Palestine.

He entered concentration camps and presented travel visas to the Nazi authorities. Mr Foley used skills picked up in the secret service to obtain false papers, passports and



The statue dedicated to Major Foley in Highbridge



The Frank Foley memorial plaque at Mary Stevens Park

visas. It was only years later that the scale of his life-saving campaign came to light.

"When other European countries were sending Jews to concentration camps, Britain provided a safe haven for tens of thousands of refugees," said Mr Austin. "I think this period defines what it means to be British – our unique response to the Holocaust and role in the war gives us the right to claim a particular attached to the values of democracy,

equality, freedom, fairness and tolerance."

"Frank Foley embodies these values. His refusal to stand by when people were being singled out because of their race and religion marks him out as a true local hero."

Major Foley's efforts were not recognised during his lifetime but in 1999 the Jewish state recognised him as 'Righteous Amongst the Nations' at Yad Vashem in Israel, the same award granted to Oskar



Time to honour hero says Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North



Frank Foley — saved people from the camps

Schindler. In 2010, Major Foley was named a British Hero of the Holocaust by the British Government.

Mr Austin said: "We have the memorial by the gate to Mary Stevens Park, but I would like to see a statue to Frank Foley so that people right across the Black Country can come and learn about him and our country's role in fighting for freedom, democracy and tolerance."

# 'Shabby' station is given a revamp

A RAILWAY station described as 'one of the worst' in the Black Country has been given a £40,000 revamp.

Work has been completed at Dudley Port rail station to improve facilities following concerns by passengers. Some had complained that they felt unsafe in the station and demanded improvements.

The refurbishment of a shabby subway and tired-looking waiting shelters was part of a joint project by transport authority Centro and train operator London Midland.

The work, carried out under the Transforming Rail Travel partnership, has also seen brighter lighting installed and overgrown vegetation cut back along the path between the new park and ride facility and the station itself.

Centro's lead member for rail and Metro, Councillor Roger Horton, said that this transformation was much needed.

"Dudley Port was one of the worst in the region in terms of visual appearance and passenger facilities," he said. "Yet for a relatively small amount of money we have been able to make it cleaner, brighter and more comfortable."

## Charities get society boost

FIVE local good causes are celebrating after gaining donations from the Tipton and Cosely Building Society's Charitable Foundation.

The foundation has awarded cheques collectively worth more than £2,500 to Beanstalk Black Country, Christians Against Poverty, Deafblind UK, Dudley Arts Council and Sandwell Citizen Advocacy.

In addition, it has pledged to double the amount raised at the Tipton's charity golf day in July with equal amounts going to Beacon Centre for the Blind and Compton Hospice.

## Open fire days

TWO fire stations will be hosting open days this summer.

Dudley Fire Station in Burton Road, is hosting its open day on July 5 between midday and 4pm. Smethwick station in Stony Lane, will be open between midday and 4pm on August 2.

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## Business zone plan to revive Waterfront

FOUR firms have inquired about relocating to a once-thriving business centre which is looking to attract new companies.

The Dudley Business Investment Zone was launched at the Waterfront in Brierley Hill in a bid to fill up empty office space and bring 1,600 jobs to the region.

Under the half-a-million pound scheme started in April, firms moving to the district get a two-year break in rates. Those companies already based at the site and looking to expand can also get a discount.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, revealed four firms had enquired about relocating.

She said: "These are still very much early days for the Dudley Business Investment but we are really encouraged by the number of enquiries we have had."

"The new zone is now up and running and is part of our clear vision for bringing more business, investment and jobs into the area."

"There are huge economic benefits for the whole of Dudley borough by firms moving into the Waterfront with the scope for an additional 1,600 jobs."

## Nurse joins national body

A HEALTH campaigner from Dudley has been appointed to a national body scrutinising patient care across the country.

Retired nurse Pam Bradbury has been serving as chairman of watchdog group Healthwatch Dudley.

She has now been appointed to the organisation's national committee representing NHS services in England and is one of six new committee members joining Healthwatch England.

A registered general nurse, she retired from the NHS last year.

## In touch cheaper

TRAIN operator London Midlands is changing its helpline number tomorrow to make it cheaper for customers to get in touch.

The new number will be 0344 811 0133.

A voicemail message will be played on the old number, 0844 811 0133.

# The new mayor will be helped by her son



Margaret and Adam Aston

**IT'S a family affair for Dudley's first citizen who will be accompanied on her ceremonial duties by her own son.**

Councillor Margaret Aston has been invested as the new Mayor of Dudley after being sworn in at Dudley Council House.

It will be a busy year for the 66-year-old, who served as deputy mayor, but she said it will be even more special with her son by her

side. Fellow councillor Adam will join her as Mayor's consort.

"It is lovely that Adam will be with me and I'm so pleased he is able to be Mayor's Consort," said Mrs Aston, from The Ridgeway, Upper Gornal.

### Charities

"I'm really looking forward to it as it is such an honour for me because I was born and raised in the area."

Mrs Aston has been married to

65-year-old husband Michael for 40 years.

She has served two spells as a Labour councillor, firstly for Sedgley and then as ward member for Castle and Priory since 2000.

Mrs Aston has named two charities close to her heart that she will help raise money for during her year in office.

One is rehabilitation charity Action Heart, after her husband suffered a heart attack, and Guide Dogs as she is an animal lover.

Councillor Aston takes over from Councillor Alan Finch who has been mayor of the borough for the past year.

Councillor Steve Waltho is new Deputy Mayor of Dudley.

Councillor Waltho, of Kingswinford, who is a ward councillor for St Thomas's, has left his cabinet member post to take up the civic role.

He said: "It is an honour and a privilege to become the Deputy Mayor and I'm looking forward to the year ahead."

# Chief in plea to public over firefighters' strike

**FIRE chiefs in the West Midlands say they will be implementing 'tried and tested' contingency arrangements to keep the region as safe as possible when firefighters go on strike today.**

Firefighters across the country will stage their latest 24-hour walkout today from 9am. A seven-hour strike is also planned to run from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, June 21.

## Job scene like before recession

RECRUITMENT is back above pre-recession levels in the West Midlands, boosted by the growing manufacturing, retail and delivery sectors.

And the hiring intentions of companies in the region are ahead of the national average, fuelled largely by the West Midlands's manufacturing strength.

As the sector thrives, the region as a whole is outpacing the national employment outlook, according to a survey of more than 2,000 companies by recruitment agency Manpower.

Krissie Davies, operations director at Manpower UK, said: "The region has long been a hub for engineering and manufacturing and it is this sector again that is producing the greatest opportunity for job seekers."

She added: "It is not just manufacturing that is booming. Sales and customer service positions within the media, marketing, insurance and financial services industries, as well as logistics managers, are all in strong demand in the region."

The action is being taken because of a national pensions dispute between the Fire Brigades Union and the Government.

Paul Burnham, area commander with WMFS, said: "Although this is the first 24-hour strike in the national dispute, we'll be implementing our tried and tested contingency arrangements to keep the West Midlands as safe as possible."

### Suspended

"Public safety is central to our plans, and 999 calls will still be answered as normal. However, it won't be 'business as usual', as we'll be focusing all of our efforts on responding to emergencies using operational staff who aren't striking. Our daily prevention, education and community work will have to be suspended for the duration of the strike."

He added: "Of course, Thursday evening sees the start of the World Cup when lots of families and friends will be tuning in for the Brazil versus Croatia game."

"If you're travelling before or after the match, please don't drink-drive."

"I'd like to make a direct appeal to pubs and entertainment venues hosting World Cup-related events to put staff and customer safety at the top of their list. Throughout the World Cup we're urging people to 'play it safe' and to keep an eye on safety as well as the ball."

## Hope for progress at vandalised site



Smashed and strewn with debris — the sad state of the former college and school off Brook Street in Stourbridge

SMASHED up windows and fire damage — this is the sad state of a former college building which has been at the mercy of vandals.

Campaigners are calling for urgent action to tackle derelict buildings at the former Longlands School, in Stourbridge.

Glass is strewn across the site which was until three years ago used by Stourbridge College and was previously a school dating back to 1912. Splintered door and window frames

are discarded across the former site, off Brook Street, after a series of break ins.

Stourbridge MP Margot James and Councillor Nicolas Barlow have visited the site to see the extent of the problem and met officials from Birmingham Metropolitan College, which merged with Stourbridge College and now owns the land. It came after residents living nearby voiced their concerns over vandalism and two arson attacks earlier this year.

Extra metal fencing has been erected and security patrols stepped in a bid to protect the site.

Councillor Barlow said: "There seemed initially to be a perceived inactivity from the college by residents to do something. But after speaking to the college, and visiting, I know that is far from the truth."

"It was a very positive meeting with the college. We hope that there is a way to move forward, maybe redevelopment."

## NEWS in brief

### MEP is offering to help local charities

A NEW MEP is calling for charities and community organisations to get in touch so that he can help support them.

UKIP MEP for the West Midlands Bill Etheridge has pledged to use his time in office to help raise funds for local good causes.

The Sedgley councillor, who won his seat in Brussels last month, wants people to contact him to present their cases for receiving his backing. Contact Councillor Etheridge on 07894737884.

### Choir and guest in proms event

A SUMMER proms concert will be raising the roof of Dudley Town Hall on Friday, June 27.

The Voices in Harmony choir will be performing at 7pm. The group, based in Cradley Heath, has raised more than £80,000 for charities since it was formed 15 years ago.

The special guest for the evening is acclaimed singer Jonathan Veira.

Tickets, priced £12, can be booked via [www.vinchoir.org](http://www.vinchoir.org) or by calling (01384) 635507.

### Driver in fatal crash gets bail

A DRIVER arrested after a woman was killed when hit by a car at a bus stop has been bailed by police.

Former Stourbridge student Rebecca McManus, aged 21, of Harborne Road, Oldbury, died at the scene on Hagley Road West in Bearwood from multiple injuries. A 32-year-old man has been released on bail pending further inquiries.

A second woman, also aged 21, was injured.

### Stall holders are urged to sign up

PEOPLE are being urged to run stalls at an Armed Forces Day event being held near Dudley.

The event at Himley Hall on June 29 will celebrate servicemen and women. Stall holders are being encouraged to apply if they want a stand at the event. Email [marcomms.cexce@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:marcomms.cexce@dudley.gov.uk) or call (01384) 818186.

### Dolphins singer

WELSH singer/songwriter Martyn Jones, whose 1990s hits included Dolphins Make Me Cry, will be performing at Stourbridge Folk Club at Katie Fitzgerald's in Envile Street on Thursday, June 26.

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ED Miliband says he doesn't pay much attention to British newspapers. A reader points out that an anagram of Ed Miliband is "media blind."

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IF you believe everything you read, you may think that a couple of years from now the Government is to launch a new, simple state pension of about £150 a week for everyone. Think again. And ask yourself this: with the obvious exception of politicians, has anything simple ever come out of Whitehall ? Of course not. The Civil Service does not do simple. It creates magnificent careers and builds mighty empires on complexity. Consider these two statements from the Government's own website: 1) The full new State Pension will be no less than £148.40 per week. 2) The amount you get can be higher or lower depending on your National Insurance record. So in others words, you will definitely get £148.40 but, er, you might not. It all depends on private pension funds being contracted out, or in, and other bewildering stuff. Far from being simple, the New State Pension is so damn complicated that they have set up a special phone-back service to give people a pension forecast. You ring them with your details and they call back a week later with the good (or bad) news. Except that they may not. My phone-back appointment was fixed between 8-10am one morning this week. With nine minutes to go, at 9.51am a lady rang to say sorry, but the system had crashed. The next convenient date was June 23. I wonder how much of that £148.40 per week will go straight into the vast and ruinously expensive Whitehall machine.

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ALL this digital stuff is very clever but there are times when you can't beat newsprint. Newspaper articles on the D-Day 70th anniversary will be saved in millions of households and lovingly folded away with Granddad's medal ribbons and yellowing photos, in the hope that future generations will be interested. True, you can save such things on memory sticks and CDs. But technology changes and today's state-of-the-art gizmos will become about as useful as a floppy disc. Ink on paper is for ever.

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AND if you despair of today's kids ever showing interest or respect for the sacrifices of two world wars, just give them time. I recall one trip to Normandy when the middle-aged men on the coach were having a right old rant about the youth of today. It turned out that those respectable gentlemen, the salt of the earth who solemnly bowed their heads at the cemeteries had once been, without exception, Teddy Boys.

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THE European Commission says Britain should improve its economy by curbing the Help-to-Buy project and bumping up council tax. Always good to be advised by the experts, isn't it? This, of course, is the same Commission whose EU budget has yet to satisfy its own auditors and whose member states include some of the worst basket-case economies in the world. After the European Commission's advice on economics, watch out for North Korea's forthcoming lecture to Britain on canine welfare.

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IT'S official - HS2 is the work of the devil. The Church of England says this screaming 200mph behemoth will desecrate ancient graves. But who cares? The opponents would have a much stronger hand if England possessed an endangered ethnic minority of original Britons, like Australian aborigines or native Americans. If HS2 threatened their tribal burial grounds, it would be stopped in its tracks. Funny how we always take other people's religion more seriously than our own.

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THE newly refurbished terminal at Heathrow will be known as The Queen's Terminal. Sounds like a gloomy prognosis.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

# Four-year jail term for prolific burglar

A BURGLAR who embarked on a crime spree within days of being released from prison is back behind bars for a four-year jail sentence.

Mark Jones committed five burglaries after being released from prison on February 27.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that the heroin addict had 36 previous convictions for similar offences.

Jones, aged 38, of Morvale Street, Lye, who appeared before the court by video link, pleaded guilty to breaking into two homes in the Stourbridge area and asked for three further offences of burglary commercial properties to be taken into consideration. He committed the first of the offences, at Poshkutz dog-grooming parlour in Lye, within a week of his release.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said the offences came to light after Jones broke into a house in Stanley Road, Oldswinford, on April 3. He stole a 30in television worth £300 from the property, and was later identified on CCTV cameras trying to escape on a mountain bike.

"He struggled to carry the TV on the mountain bike, so he had to discard the bike," said Miss Brigue.

It emerged that the bike was one of two he stole in a burglary at Chawn Hill, Pedmore, on March 26. He also confessed to burgling Poshkutz, Prospect Joinery in Ambleside, and Pure Beauty in Halesowen.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending, said Jones had a drug problem he was determined to tackle and had asked to be placed on a prison treatment programme.

# 'Lonely' jobless man in suicide

A MAN found hanged at his Stourbridge home had spiralled into depression after the loss of his job, an inquest heard.

Philip Vaughan, 54, was found dead at his home at The Broadway, Norton, on December 10. The inquest at Smethwick heard that he had mounting debts.

His friend, Mark Taylor, 39, discovered Mr Vaughan at the property. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene and police concluded there were no suspicious circumstances.

A note was found in which Mr Vaughan, who was divorced, said his 'mind had become a mess'. The inquest heard he had little or no contact with his family, which was linked to his drinking and depression.

Mrs Pat Johnson, organiser of Replenish food bank at St John's Church in Stourbridge told the inquest: "He became a lonely man. You could see the life draining out of him. After losing his job he couldn't cope with computers and the amount of applications the JSA (Job Seekers Allowance) demanded from him."

Senior coroner Robin Balmain said cause of death was asphyxiation by hanging and concluded Mr Vaughan killed himself.

# Awards for volunteers

A 92-year-old fundraiser is among the volunteers honoured by a Black Country charity.

Mary Martin, who has been raising funds for the Beacon Centre for the Blind for 20 years, was presented with a long-service award at the charity's headquarters in Sedgley. Chief executive Arwyn Jones said the charity supported more than 3,000 people each year and it would not be possible without the dedicated army of volunteers.

Also honoured were Janet Sharpe, Jane Bood, Jane Oakley and Irene Bryan.

# Real ales at fair

BEERS from the award-winning Kinver Brewery will be featured in the real ales tent at the village's annual summer celebration.

Kinver Country Fair is taking place on Sunday from 10.30am. Enville Ales will also be providing brews for the event.

# Secondary schools are told 'must try harder'

THE performance of secondary schools across Dudley and the wider Black Country is below the national average, according to figures from education watchdog Ofsted.

Statistics released show all four authorities in the area fall below the national benchmark of 72 per cent of schools classed as either good or outstanding.

The figures, which relate to the watchdog's crucial rating of the overall effectiveness, painted a particularly depressing picture of secondary education in Dudley.

Just 45 per cent of secondary schools in the borough are top rated with the same number of schools deemed to require improvement.

The figure represents a drop in standards of more than 20 per cent in the past five years.

## Inadequate

At the time the statistics were compiled in December last year ten per cent of Dudley's secondary schools were classed as inadequate, meaning inspectors highlighted serious weaknesses during their most recent visit.

Dudley's education chief Councillor Tim Crumpton said he expected the 'deeply disappointing' figures to improve over the next 12 months.

He said: "The exam results achieved by Dudley secondary schools improved significantly in 2013 and were in-line with the national average."

## by Peter Madeley

"Despite this improvement, in the past 14 months Ofsted found a number of our secondary schools were not providing a good education."

"This is deeply disappointing and we are working with these schools to support their improvement."

"Each of them has been monitored by Ofsted which has noted their progress and we anticipate most will be re-inspected over the next year and will be judged to be at least good, if not better."

"This will be a significant step in our journey to ensure every school in Dudley is a good school by the end of 2015."

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, criticised standards, calling them 'just not good enough.'

He said: "It's no use blaming Ofsted or looking for other excuses. I've been saying for ages that standards in too many schools are just not good enough and we as a community have got to make sure they improve."

# New attraction takes flight



Councillor Mary Bond with 'Arran' and professional falconer Bill Pinchers, of Dudley

BIRDWATCHERS are in for a treat when Baggeridge Country Park, near Sedgley, hosts birds of prey days in the coming weeks.

Bosses at the park have worked in partnership with Dudley falconry expert William Pinchers to launch the new attraction where he will be sharing his passion of falconry with visitors.

The park is set to add 'hawk walks' as well as the birds of prey experience days. There will also be photography sessions.

South Staffordshire Council's environmental services chief Councillor Mary Bond said she was looking forward to the days becoming a regular feature at the country park.

She added: "This is a completely new and welcomed attraction to Baggeridge Country Park. The experience days are set to be both fun and educational."

For more information contact Mr Pinchers on 07507108450 or the park staff on 01902 882605.

# Stourbridge Conservative Association



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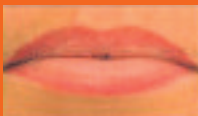
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# Family fun day to mark special day

A FREE family fun day will take place next month as part of festivities for Black Country Day.

More than 50 stalls, games and entertainment will be laid on at the Dell Stadium, Brierley Hill on July 13. The event will run from 1pm to 5pm and is in celebration of Black Country Day, officially taking place the following day.

Bouncy castles, inflatable sumo suits, a magician, a mini zoo, a soft play area and a live music tent, arranged by local singer/songwriter Zynia G. Maylyn, will all be provided free of charge.

## Stage

Also on the house will be the Black Country Community Radio festival stage.

In addition, funfair rides, further activities and food will be provided by local charities, community groups and small businesses.

The four-hour community event is being organised by Corbyns Bromley Tenants and Residents Association, a Pennsett-based non-profit organisation, with funding support from Dudley Council community forums.

For more details on the fun day, go to [www.blackcountrydaypensnett.co.uk](http://www.blackcountrydaypensnett.co.uk)

# Stay in touch with island

RESIDENTS of Jamaican heritage from the Black Country are being urged to keep up-to-date with issues affecting the Caribbean island at this weekend's Jamaican Diaspora UK National Conference.

The event is on from Friday at the Centennial Centre in Birmingham followed by a service on Sunday at the New Testament Church of God, in Lozells. Advisors from the Jamaican Government will be attending.

Places can be booked for £35. Text 07931 216707 or email [conference@jamaicandiasporauk.org](mailto:conference@jamaicandiasporauk.org)

## Country bonanza

A COUNTRY and western night hosted by a well-known musician has raised £650 for charity.

The event hosted by Bev Pegg at Hagley Community Centre was held in aid of Age Concern Stourbridge. Mr Pegg has raised more than £24,000 so far.

# Jail for man who broke his brother's skull

A MAN who viciously attacked his brother, fracturing his skull in a row over their late grandmother's will, has been jailed for 12 years.

Mark Baker, from Lye, believed his brother Christopher had coerced their grandmother into changing her will before she died so that it favoured him.

So on May 27 last year, Baker went to his brother's home and attacked him with a hammer, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Christopher, aged 50, suffered multiple fractures to his head and body and a col-

lapsed lung which left him in hospital for a week following the attack at his home in Northfield Road, Netherton. He was unwilling to press charges against his brother and Baker was released without charge.

## Vendetta

But 47-year-old Baker continued his vendetta against his brother and was arrested again on October 3 after assaulting him again, this time in the street, damaging his car and threatening to kill him.

On that occasion, the court was told Baker struck his brother in the face with a

brick, injuring his nose and eye before vandalising his parked car.

Baker, of High Street, Lye, was found guilty after a three-day trial of wounding with intent at Wolverhampton Crown Court in April. During the trial the jury heard Baker was aggrieved that his brother was inherited the bulk of the will.

During sentencing last week Judge John Wait described it as a 'sad case' and said Baker had 'festering resentment' over the amount that his brother had been left in the will. He added that Baker had carried out a 'sustained attack'.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending Baker, said there had been a 'clear issue' over the distribution of their grandmother's estate.

He also argued that Christopher made a full recovery from both attacks.

After the sentencing, investigating officer Detective Constable Dan Bailey from West Midlands Police, said: "It became clear that Baker was consumed with anger at the injustice he felt over the will and his brother came to believe that the threat to his life was very real. Baker will now pay a heavy price for his greed."

# Russells Hall was given 'contaminated' baby feed

**HOSPITALS in Dudley and Birmingham received suspected contaminated batches of a food supplement linked to the death of one baby and the illness of 14 others.**

Bosses at Russells Hall Hospital and Heartlands Hospital said that no babies in their care had been given the alleged contaminated treatment. It comes as babies in nine hospitals across England developed septicaemia after being infected with the bacterium known as *Bacillus cereus*.

A baby died from blood poisoning at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, in London. Public Health England 'strongly linked' the cases with a batch of intravenous liquid called parenteral nutrition made by London-based ITH Pharma. It has emerged that the suspected contaminated batch of fluid had been sent to 22 hospitals including Dudley and Birmingham.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust chief executive Paula Clark confirmed that Russells Hall did receive a single unit of feed from the batch in question which comes in two doses. She said: "The feed comes in two parts, and the baby who received it was given just one part; they did not receive the part which is under suspicion. Tests have been carried out as a precaution and we can confirm that the baby has not been infected with the bacterium."

"We can therefore confirm that there are no babies at Russells Hall Hospital affected by the problem."

Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Heartlands, confirmed it was issued with the affected feed. Spokeswoman Nikki Boileau added: "We can confirm no babies have been affected and this product is no longer being used within our hospital."

## Final rallying for the Race for Life



Sea of pink – thousands of women line-up to take part in the Race for Life every year across the West Midlands

WOMEN are needed to fill the last few hundred places for Race for Life events in the Black Country as organisers of the huge charity events issued a last-ditch rallying cry for support.

Every year, thousands of women don pink to run or walk the 5k route to help raise hundreds of thousands of pounds to fund vital research into cancer.

But organisers at Cancer Research UK have revealed that several hundred still need to sign up to ensure

events in Dudley and Wolverhampton are fully subscribed.

Organisers aims for up to 2,300 to take part in the Race for Life in Wolverhampton's West Park on Wednesday, June 18, at 7.30pm.

## Boost

Hundreds of spaces remain for the afternoon Race for Life being held at Dudley's Himley Hall on July 13 at 3pm.

A Race for Life taking place that

morning is full but spaces remain for the afternoon event to help boost the number to 1,700.

Meanwhile, Stafford Race for Life, being held at the town's Country Showground on July 8, is still seeking runners to take part.

Both Dudley and Wolverhampton Race for Life events hit their participation targets last year, while Stafford fell just shy.

People can sign up for the events at [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org)

## NEWS in brief

### Nominations for an NHS governor

THERE is just a few days left for people to nominate themselves or someone else to become a public governor for the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

Vacancies are open for governors across Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell.

Residents over the age of 16 with an interest in healthcare are invited to apply.

Nominations close on Monday. Call 08000 130 103

### Brownies to mark their centenary

NEARLY 1,500 Brownies are expected to celebrate the organisation's centenary at a party in the grounds of a stately home.

West Mercia Brownies, which is made up of girls aged between seven and 10 from Wolverhampton and the Black Country, will mark the Big Brownie Birthday at Weston Park near Wolverhampton on June 28.

They will take part in circus skills, science and adventure challenges and there will be a pop concert.

### Vikings invade village for fair

VIKINGS will make an appearance at a village country fair near Stourbridge on Sunday

Kinver will hold the traditional annual event which will also feature a Viking village with blacksmith.

There will also be heavy horses, a dog show, musicians, dancers and beer tent, all in the centre of the village from 10.30am to around 5.30pm.

### Cyclists can take part in challenge

CYCLISTS are being encouraged to saddle up for a charity bike ride to help an air ambulance.

The ride from Birmingham to Oxford takes place on July 6 and proceeds will go towards Midlands Air Ambulance. The 77-mile ride is open to anyone over the age of 16. Registration costs £24. Visit [www.bike-events.co.uk](http://www.bike-events.co.uk).

### Parking patrols

POLICE are stepping up patrols around a school following complaints over inconsiderate parking.

Officers will also be handing out leaflets to parents at Maidensbridge School in Wall Heath.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

ONE of the men at the centre of the Trojan Horse scandal, where certain schools in Birmingham are alleged to have been infiltrated by Muslim extremists, is an Australian called Sheikh Shady.

Of course, if true, the allegations are no laughing matter. But if you want to be taken seriously as an international preacher of hate, isn't it better to change your name to something that doesn't make you sound like an Eminem tribute act?

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MORE words of wisdom from the ever lovable Katie Hopkins, who has decided to target Britain's old folk with her latest diatribe. Apparently, they get in her way, particularly when fumbling for their change in the supermarket, and says 'society has tried giving old people the hint that they are not wanted.'

"What's the point in living longer if all we're going to do is get in the way or sit in expensive nursing homes unable to recognise our own reflection in the mirror?", she asks, adding that she hopes to be 'bumped off' before she ever reaches old age.

Now how does the old saying go - prevention is better than cure?

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DRINKING red wine improves your memory, according to a new study by a university with a very long name in Berlin. The study added that it can improve short-term recall and increase concentration.

Meanwhile, drinking lots of beer can...sorry, what was I saying? Oh yes, drinking red wine improves your memory.

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Professor Sara Mills, a discourse researcher at Sheffield Hallam University, said pupils could instead refer to their teachers by their first names.

I don't know what a 'discourse researcher' is, but I would imagine it is something along the lines of a teacher who doesn't actually teach. Well not children, anyway.

But while the battle lines are now being drawn between the 'progressives' and the 'traditionalists', has nobody ever thought that the sensible course of action would be somewhere in the middle.

How about teachers tell the youngsters what their full names are, and then explain to them that they have to address them as 'Sir' or 'Miss' because the teachers are figures of authority, and the pupils are their subordinates?

Giving the children a lesson in the conventions they will have to adhere to in life outside the classroom is surely more useful than inviting them to take part in a guessing game about 'what Miss is really called'.



D-Day vetran of Gold beach, Ken Reynolds from Hednesford, aged 90



The Princess Royal receives a salute from veterans during the Drumhead service on Southsea Common



The Princess Royal during the Drumhead service on Southsea Common in Hampshire

# D-Day veterans in heroes' return

Veterans returned to the scene to mark 70 years since D-Day. **DANIEL WAINWRIGHT** reports

**A SPITFIRE plane escorted a group of West Midlands war veterans back to Normandy for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.**

Meanwhile others who went to France were greeted as heroes by schoolchildren who wanted to pose for pictures with them.

Ken Reynolds, aged 90, from Hednesford, Geoff Ensor, 90, of Merry Hill, Wolverhampton, 88-year-old Ron Davies from Walsall and Frank Corbett from Bloxwich were part of a group of 31 people flown into Normandy in 10 private jets organised by the millionaire advertising agency boss Trevor Beattie.

And as a special surprise the veterans were accompanied part of the way by a Spitfire.

## Milestone

Funds were raised through Birmingham-born Mr Beattie's charity, the Jack and Ada Beattie Foundation.

Working with comedian Eddie Izzard, Mr Beattie helped to raise funds to make sure veterans could make the trip back for the milestone occasion.

Another group of six West Midlands war veterans also travelled over with a group from the ACE Academy in Tipton.

Joe Davies, a 91-year-old former police superintendent from Compton, served with the Royal Army Service Corps.

He spent last Thursday in Arromanches where children ran up to veterans and asked to kiss them on the cheek.



The Prince of Wales meets Normandy veterans of the Glider Pilot Regiment at Pegasus Bridge, Normandy

He said: "It's very emotional. It is a fantastic atmosphere and I've never seen anything like it.

"There are so many people who have wanted to take photographs with us.

"Children have been coming up to say 'thank you very much'. We're going to Caen where we will lay wreaths.

"It is our privilege and honour to be here."

Others with Mr Davies were Arthur Jones, aged 88 from Pendeford, 91-year-old Stanley Caldicott, from Warley, who served with the RAF, and Dennis Moodie, also 91 and from Lichfield, who

was a Royal Artillery wireless operator with the 94th field regiment and Dennis Thompson, aged 88 and from Muxton in Telford.

The 70th anniversary of D-Day proved the last formal event for the Normandy Veterans Association.

On Thursday, the Princess Royal led tributes to the heroes who took part and the many who died in the landings in 1944.

Anne, commodore in chief of the Royal Navy in the Portsmouth area, attended a drumhead service on Southsea Common, Portsmouth, along with vet-

erans and serving members of the armed forces. It included a demonstration of a beach assault by British Marines and their Dutch counterparts.

Following a rendition of the Last Post, a silence was held to remember those who died in the landings and the service concluded with the National Anthem.

Matthew Guymer, 90, a former Mayor of Stafford, who served as a major with the 11th Hussars Prince Albert's Own, said: "I think it's the last time I will be able to come down at my age. I am very proud and I am delighted to have the opportunity to meet the other veterans."

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

I don't suppose you get much time for reading," one MP said to me this week.

It turns out this particular Parliamentarian, speaking off the record, does at the moment.

I've been recommended the Robert Harris novel, *An Officer And A Spy*, which the anonymous MP has managed to race through thanks to an unusually long prorogation of Parliament (if we were unkind we might say 'holiday').

When Her Majesty's official State Opening of Parliament contained a speech of merely 10 minutes there were claims that the Coalition Government had 'run out of steam'. But with an election next year the Coalition also cannot risk running out of time for any crucial legislation to get through both Houses.

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Labour MP Ian Austin has called for a referendum on Europe to be held before the next election.

His stance is at odds with his own party, which only considers a referendum necessary if there is a transfer of powers to Brussels. Like it or not, the rise of UKIP means the Tories and eventually Labour are going to have to grasp this nettle. David Cameron says he'll do it by the end of 2017 but only if he wins the next election.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin's plan, while not popular with either of the big parties, would mean whoever wins next year governs knowing whether or not they are going to have to withdraw Britain from the union. If the referendum is delayed, the next five years will mean the Government having to come up with a plan for each eventuality.

Well at least it would give them something to do.

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Dudley South MP Chris Kelly has extended an olive branch to newly-elected Labour and UKIP councillors and offered to work with them. He's sent his contact details and even goes far enough to say what many Tories dare not: "UKIP are our political cousins."

UKIP loves to say how it takes votes off Labour as much as from the Tories, evidenced by its council seat gains in areas like Coseley.

The big picture shows it's the Tories who suffer most. Tony Blair won three terms because he appealed to the centre ground, as opposed to core Labour supporters. What Chris Kelly is doing now is talking about how he shares 'somewhere in the region of three-quarters of the views of the UKIP councillors elected'.

He will have to avoid appearing to dilute the things that attracted former Labour voters to him in the first place. But if the Tories want to neutralise UKIP the election will be fought not on the centre ground, but on common ground.

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## Boycott Malta call over birds slaughter

THERE has been a lot of press recently regarding the slaughter of migrating birds as they try to rest on the island of Malta on their journey from Africa to Europe, many destined for the British Isles.

Those so-called Maltese 'sportsmen' shoot hundreds of thousands of birds every year, from tiny warblers to large birds of prey. The naturalist Chris Packham recently tried to film the slaughter to publicize it, but was arrested by Maltese police.

It seems to me the only way to stop this murder is to boycott Malta as a holiday destination.

Just don't go there. Tourism is the major industry on Malta. Let's hit them where it hurts until they stop. Bizarrely they can legally shoot the fast disappearing Turtle Dove. Once a common resident in the UK it is now very scarce and declining rapidly. Anyone who has heard the purring call of this completely harmless bird will understand why it should not be shot for fun.

What is it with people who hunt and shoot harmless wildlife that cannot fight back?

**R SOUTHALL**  
Patttingham

## Thank you for helping children

THE 465 people in the West Midlands who give up their time to support The Children's Society's vital work to fight childhood poverty and neglect are part of a movement of almost 11,000 amazing volunteers across the country.

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**MATTHEW REED**  
Chief Executive  
The Children's Society

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## EU leaders aim to subjugate Britain

DURING recent weeks, owing to certain reports in the media, I have found myself contemplating the time that the then Prime Minister Edward Heath took us boldly into what the majority of us looked upon as a trading agreement with the rest of Europe.

I wonder if anyone then had ever envisaged a time when Frau Merkel and her French cronies would demand that the UK should alter its laws (civil and tax) in order to fit in with their interpretation of what our continued membership of the EU should be.

How dare they have the effrontery to make any demands on us at all.

It appears to me that these demands have less to do with the furtherance of

the European Union than they have to bring about the total subjugation of the British Isles.

That is something that their predecessors, Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolph Hitler, failed abysmally to accomplish.

It is high time that our craven leaders grew a spine and told these unelected Eurocrats where to go.

Just for once Dave, how about keeping one of your promises. Let us have a straight forward, no strings attached, in or out referendum.

Is it any wonder that UKIP is making such inroads into the electorate?

**B PARSONS**  
Coseley

## Repeated TV rubbish

WHY are we having so many repeats on TV? The BBC, licence fee £150 a year, keep repeating 'Flog It', and then there are the repeats which they have sold to Freeview channels, who get their income from adverts, without incurring costs to actually produce new programmes.

The Beeb also repeat 'Homes under the Hammer' with auctions going back to 2005. On Channel 46, Freeview, 'The Chase' showed the Queen's last birthday as 84; she is 88.

I must know all the answers to Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

Auntie also screened 'I love 1973'.

Presenter Noddy Holder said it was nearly 30 years ago, so this repeat is over 10 years old. I thought broadcasters had regulators, maybe they are too busy watching repeats.

**R W WHITE**  
Wigmore

## Dogs rescued from death

I WOULD like to say thank you to everyone who donated food, blankets, etc, and financial support to my recent appeal to help dogs in Romania.

The charity has collected everything that was donated and it will be in Romania now. Your donations are being given to a lady and her daughter who have in their home almost 100 dogs from the killing pounds.

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Creative kids can try their hands at making bracelets for Help Harry Help Others – the charity Merry Hill continues to support throughout 2014 – at a dedicated craft zone, and there'll be lots of stalls for mum (and dad!) to browse.

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## Fund's £4,600 hospice boost

A HOSPICE has received a donation of more than £4,600 which will be used to buy privacy screens for patients.

Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice has received the cash boost from the Hospital Saturday Fund, which supports medical charities. The total amount of the donation is £4,638.

Trustee for the fund John Randel visited the hospice, in Hagley Road, to meet with the charity's chief executive Stevan Jackson.

Mr Jackson said: "The hospice is extremely delighted to receive this generous donation which will help improve patient privacy and preserve dignity, two fundamentals of hospice care."

The hospice provides palliative care, symptom control and therapy for people living with life limiting illnesses as well as providing dedicated support for their families and carers.

## Still scared of needle after 100 donations



### Prolific blood donor Joe Egan, 63, is still squeamish

HE admits to still be scared of needles but that has never stopped Joe Egan donating blood —105 times to be exact.

The parcel sorter from West Bromwich was given an engraved glass award for reaching 100 donations at a ceremony held by the NHS Blood and Transplant service at Villa Park.

But Mr Egan, aged 63, says he still has to look away when providing blood from his arm. "You'd have thought I'd be okay with it by now, but I still have to look away," said Mr Egan, who lives in Kelvin Way.

"It never stops me, though. Instead, I think about the good I am doing for someone who desperately needs something I have plenty of."

"Why wouldn't someone not want to take the opportunity to save someone's life? I think it's wonderful."

Mr Egan was born and grew up in Castlereagh in County Roscommon in Ireland. But he struggled to find employment and came over to England to live and work in Dudley Port. Now he works for parcel delivery firm Yodel in Wednesbury.

## Overhanging tree branches removed

TRAFFIC was brought to a standstill by workmen clearing dangerous dead branches from a tree overhanging a road in Stourbridge.

Parts of a large Ash tree next to the entrance of Stourbridge Junction train station had to be cut away last week due to fears that branches could fall on passing cars.

A team of tree surgeons were brought in at to climb the tree and remove the branches using chainsaws, while members of Dudley Council's Highways Team closed parts of Glasshouse Hill, Brooke Road, Chawn Hill and Grange Road.

The temporary road closures caused minor disruptions for people trying to get home during the rush hour last Wednesday but the road was soon re-opened.

None of the train routes into or out of Stourbridge Junction where affected by the work taking place on the road.

# Married mother-of-three had sex with a schoolboy

**A MOTHER-of-three entered into a sexual relationship with a teenage schoolboy and has since given birth to his child, a court was told.**

Helen Cartwright initially embarked on a friendship with the 15-year-old but Wolverhampton Crown Court was told their liaisons, initially involving 'hugging and kissing', became more intimate in May last year. Cartwright had sex with the youth in her marital bed at her home on the Russells Hall estate in Dudley.

Cartwright, of Langstone Road, pleaded guilty to sexual activity with

a child under the age of 16. The court heard the 42-year-old has since continued her relationship with the boy and is now the mother of their five-month old baby.

Cartwright was sentenced to two years in prison suspended for two years, with a two-year supervision order.

She was placed on the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years.

The defendant, who had lived with her husband and children, was warned by a judge that she was fortunate to escape immediate custody.

Ms Sati Ruck, prosecuting, told the court: "It was the boy who instigated

the sexual relationship when he slept with the defendant in her own bed."

Cartwright was arrested after Social Services were contacted and the matter was reported to the police. During a police interview she admitted knowing the boy was underage.

"Her husband suffered a stroke five years ago which has left him bedridden," continued Ms Ruck.

Ms Sharonjit Bahia, defending, said: "There are exceptional mitigating factors. She has had much to cope with in her family life. At the time of the incident the complainant was eight weeks away from his 16th birthday. Their relationship is now considered legal."



Helen Cartwright, 42

## 999 call over an ice cream

ONE woman took her dismay over a lack of sprinkles on her ice cream a step too far by dialling 999 to report the 'crime'.

West Midlands Police revealed the one minute emergency phone call made last week in which the woman told the operator that an ice cream man only put sprinkles on one side of her ice cream. She says: "The person has basically given me an ice cream, put bits on one side and none on the other." She goes on to say that she asked for her money back but he refused.

The patient operator tells the woman that she needs to speak to trading standards officials or the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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# Businessman is jailed for misleading investors

**A BUSINESSMAN** who made false claims about his background and finances to dupe people to invest in his animated film company has been jailed for three years.

David Murray Griffiths had said he was a multi-millionaire and claimed to have worked for British inventor Sir Clive Sinclair. He was convicted of four charges, one of fraud and three of deception involving £840,000 lost by the victims.

At Birmingham Crown Court last week 50-year-old Griffiths, previously of Oretton, near Cleobury Mortimer, was said to have told "significant lies" to potential investors in his children's TV show business.

## Wealth

Investors pumped money into Inspire GLG Ltd and six other companies to produce children's animated TV shows.

Judge Roderick Henderson said Griffiths' key untruths were about his own personal wealth - that he was a multi-millionaire. "In that context it would have been a re-assuring factor to a potential investor that the man in charge was wealthy and able to take up the slack in funding and preserve the enterprise," he said.

He said the business had not been a complete sham and investors had lost their money because Griffiths had tried to develop more and more programmes in a reckless way. "These people lost their money primarily because you are not a very good businessman," said the judge.

The jury cleared him of 27 similar charges of fraud and deception but were unable to reach verdicts on three other counts which the judge ordered to lie on the file.

Griffiths, now of Rye, East Sussex, had denied 16 charges of fraud by false



David Griffiths lied about his wealth

representation and 18 allegations of deception between 2004 and 2009.

Griffiths' co-accused, 49-year-old Simon Drew, originally from Stourbridge, was cleared of all 34 charges.

Mr Drew in 2004 was a successful financial advisor running his own business and had just moved into the Shropshire village of Oretton with his then partner, Alice Ditcham. The couple invited neighbours, including David Griffiths and his wife Corrine, to a barbecue.

As the two men became friends Griffiths saw the opportunity to exploit Mr



Simon Drew says Griffiths used him

Drew's reputation to raise money. Mr Drew was employed as a consultant on a £100,000 contract and set about getting clients, friends and family to invest in Griffiths' plans. By 2009 the prospect of the investors getting any return had all but disappeared.

"I had regarded David as a friend and I believed in him 100 per cent," said Mr Drew, who was cleared of all allegations. "Now I feel I was also a victim. I was groomed by him to bring in the money using my connections and reputation."



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## Celebrations with belly dance group

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MRS Ursula McInnes welcomed everyone to the 55th birthday celebrations.

Annie Woods was presented with the Lanfear Trophy for her work in sending birthday and get well cards to members throughout the year. They are very much appreciated.

Platters of food were arranged at each table with cupcakes and drinks to complete the buffet which was most enjoyable. The entertainment was the Karen Price Dance Group of Belly dancers who were dressed in exotic costumes and performed rhythmic dances.

The Gardening Group visited Waterdale Garden in Compton, a lovely unusual garden with many different plants and shrubs and paths leading to a grotto lined with shell pictures. The coffee and cakes were excellent.

Social Studies speaker was Derek Wharton with the subject of "Puppets from around the World". From a young child, he and his sister had a puppet theatre and made up stories and put on concerts in their back garden for friends.

They had been on television in the Tingha & Tucker children's programme and from then on, Mr Wharton had collected puppets, some he had made himself and others bought from around the world as he travelled and went on cruises.

On June 25, Iain Watkins will give a talk on the Grand Theatre past & present.

Meetings are held at Penn United Community Hall, Penn Road at 7.15pm.

# Ernest and Mary under the spotlight

KINGSWINFORD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT the June the club welcomed back the Stourbridge historian Roy Peacock.

He told the meeting of the achievements and donations of Ernest Stevens and his wife Mary.

Ernest was born in Lye of humble beginnings but by his determination and salesmanship he became a wealthy manufacturer of cookware. From iron to enamelled saucepans the 'Judge' brand became famous worldwide.

He and his wife were Methodists and through their generosity gave the people of Stourbridge the parks in Quarry Bank, Wollaston and of course Mary Stevens park in Stourbridge.

He provided the Mary Stevens Maternity Home and the Amblecote Memorial Sports ground.

The Society meets at the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford, on the first Monday in the month at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on July 7 when Max Clifford will be telling about 'The Development of the Nailor's Cottage'.

New members and visitors are always welcome, tea and biscuits are provided after the meeting.

## New club hears pros and cons of GM crops

WULFRUNIAN LADIES WI

WULFRUNIAN Ladies WI is a new group, formed in March of 2013 and based at the Old Wulfrunians Club in Castlecroft.

At the last monthly meeting, the speaker was George Lee, who talked about the pros and cons of GM crops. Members heard that GM growing is banned in Europe but that certain animal feeds contain GM soya.

George explained that the biggest problem we face are worldwide shortages of food and that conventional farming methods overuse fertilisers which wash into soil, and organic growers produce significantly less than we need which ultimately will result in food shortages.

### Knitting

It was an interesting and thought provoking talk.

On a much lighter note, the club will be having a belly dancing demonstration at its next meeting as well as a talk about knitting for newborns.

Wulfrunian Ladies WI meet once a month at Old Wulfrunians Social Club.

Anyone interested in joining is asked to email wulfrunianladies@outlook.com or call Amy on 07974572689.

## See and hear quiz challenge

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

THE May meeting began with the See and Hear quiz masterminded by Ray Sturdy.

The group was presented with both visual and audio questions which taxed their brains, brought back memories, made them laugh and also feel sad at the passing of time.

By taking part in Mr Sturdy's quiz, a donation was raised for Cancer Research.

MyTime Over Fifties meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Amblecote

Room at Stourbridge Town Hall at 2pm, with interesting speakers, a cup of tea and a chat.

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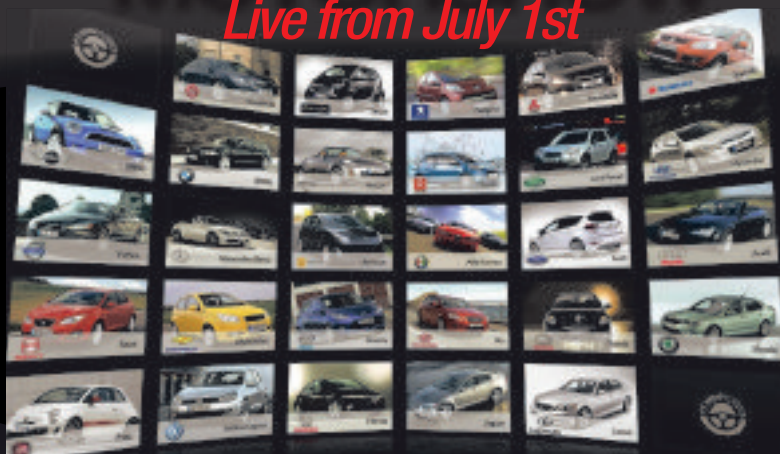
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# Chance to explore wildflower meadows

NATURE lovers are being encouraged to head out and explore wildflower meadows.

A meadow wildlife weekend is taking place this weekend, organised by the Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country.

Bosses there say despite 97 per cent of wildflower meadows being lost,

many are still present in urban areas. Four walks are planned on Saturday and Sunday.

These will take place at Moseley Bog and Joy's Wood nature reserve in Birmingham, Portway Hill in Rowley Hills, Kitchen Lane in Wolverhampton and Barr Beacon in Walsall.

As well as enjoying existing mead-

ows, the Trust is also looking for volunteers to help create new ones.

This will be done through the Birmingham and Black Country Nature Improvement Area (NIA).

To book a place on one of the walks or to volunteer to help work on the NIA, contact the Wildlife Trust on 0121 454 1199.

# Three jailed after victim was hit over head with a shovel

## Young man died in crash



Timothy Pearson, aged 23, who died in a crash on St Peter's Road, Dudley

A YOUNG man killed in a crash in the Black Country has been named as 23-year-old Timothy Pearson.

Mr Pearson, from Quarry Bank, was the passenger in a Nissan Skyline which hit a garden wall in St Peter's Road, Netherton, Dudley, just before 9.30pm on Tuesday, June 3.

He died at the scene, while the 28-year-old driver was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Mr Pearson's family today paid tribute to him.

In a statement, they said: "What can we say about Tim? He was cheeky, sarcastic, loyal, always

smiling, always singing and dancing, always had a smile on his face no matter what.

"He was the best son, brother, uncle, grandson, cousin and friend anyone could ask for.

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"The pain we are feeling now will never leave us, nor our memories of Tim.

"He was full of energy, he couldn't keep still but we loved every annoying thing about him."

Police are still seeking witnesses. They can be contacted on 101.

## THREE men have been jailed after they launched a vicious attack that saw their victim hit over the head with a shovel.

Robert Rolls was left unconscious following the 'sustained assault' along Hagley Road, Stourbridge, during the early hours of June 30 last year. Ryan Claridge, Mark Flavell and Benjamin Payne were all jailed after each admitting a count of attempted grievous bodily harm.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard 21-year-old Claridge, of Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, and Payne, 20, of Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, had been out drinking and were making their way along Hagley Road at around 4.40am. Mr Rolls, who had also been out drinking, was walking along the road and a dispute occurred.

Judge Amjad Nawaz was told Mr Rolls had started the violence by punching Claridge in the face causing him to suffer a bloody nose. Mr Rolls had then walked away but torn flowers from a display.

The court was told that Claridge and Payne followed him and Flavell, 44, of Albert Street, Pensnett, pulled up in his van and got a spade out of the back.

The court was told Flavell had been in the vehicle earlier when Mr Rolls had walked up and cracked the windscreen.

Flavell had been on his way home when he saw Mr Rolls arguing with Claridge and Payne and decided to stop.

Mr Rolls was knocked to the floor and Flavell struck him twice on the legs with the shovel. The victim was kicked by all three men. Payne then handed Claridge the shovel and he struck Mr Rolls on the head with it three times. Mr Rolls suffered swelling to his face and a cut to his elbow.

Claridge was given 30 months imprisonment and Flavell a term of 36 months jail. Payne, who did not plead guilty as early as the others, received 38 months at a young offenders institute.

Miss Lisa Hancox, prosecuting, said after the attack: "They all went to the van and shook hands." None of the men phoned the emergency services.

Mr Simon Williams, defending Flavell, said his client was 'remorseful'. Mr Christopher Loach, defending Claridge, said his client 'apologised unreservedly' to his victim. Miss Laura Culley, defending Payne, said her client had stopped drinking.

Judge Nawaz said: "The victim was not seriously injured but this is down to good fortune not down to you. All three of you lost control."

# Paddy's salsa swinging not hot enough

SHE has been swung, flung, thrown and twirled around stage, but it was not enough.

Sensational salsa dancing granny, 79-year-old Sarah 'Paddy' Jones even came back from a rib injury to take her place in the Britain's Got Talent final on Saturday night.

But the Stourbridge septuagenarian's routine, with partner Nico Espinosa, was not enough to see them crowned champions in the public vote.

The winners on the night were all-male classical singing group Collabro, who wowed viewers with their rendition of Stars from

Les Miserable. They have landed themselves a slot in the Royal Variety Performance, along with £250,000 prize money.

Although they got a standing ovation, Paddy and Nico missed out on a place in the top three, with the other two spots going to second-placed opera singer Lucy Kay and bookies' favourites rap duo Bars and Melody.

Judge Amanda Holden, who put the pair through to the final with her Golden Buzzer, controversially compared the performance of Paddy and Nico to the spirit of D Day.

# Car smashes into wall of Old Hill banqueting hall

A CAR smashed through the wall of a banquet suite, narrowly missing a bus stop.

The crash happened at 5.30pm on Saturday, when the blue Vauxhall Astra careered through the boundary wall outside The Regis hall in Old Hill, just two feet away from a bus stop.

The car then came to rest on the lawn of the club. A pile of bricks from the damaged wall could be seen on the grass next to the car.

A woman suffered minor injuries in the smash on Reddal Hill Road, and was treated at the scene by paramedics from West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Two fire engines, one from Cradley Heath station and the other from Brierley Hill, were called to the incident and made the car safe. No-one was trapped in the vehicle. A police car remained on the scene until later in the evening, until the vehicle was recovered.

Meanwhile, a driver had to be taken to hospital after a crash involving a car and bus along a busy road in Walsall on Saturday. A bus and a Renault Clio collided at the junction of Wednesbury Road and Bescot Road in Walsall. The woman driver from the Renault Clio suffered a shoulder injury.

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## Hooligans hand in passports

FOOTBALL troublemakers have been grounded by West Midlands Police after their passports were seized to stop them from getting to the World Cup in Brazil.

Letters went out last month from West Midlands Police's specialist Football Unit asking 166 people subject to Football Banning Orders in the region to hand over their travel documents.

Banning Orders prevent individuals convicted of football-related offences from attending matches or travelling to overseas tournaments.

Police say all but two of the recipients adhered to the conditions of their banning order and gave up passports to officers at West Midlands police stations between June 2 and 3.

# West Midlands see surge in number of child abuse cases

**A LEADING charity has reported a surge in reports of child abuse cases in the West Midlands.**

More than 700 people in the region have reported cases of emotional neglect and abuse to the NSPCC over the past year.

Some 491 of the cases were so serious they had to be deferred to local authorities for further action.

The number of calls is up from 319 last year, representing a 54 per cent increase.

Sandra McNair, NSPCC Midlands regional

head of service, said the figures followed a national trend.

She said: "We have seen a surge across the West Midlands in the number of people contacting the NSPCC Helpline about emotional abuse and neglect this year."

"The number of referrals increased for Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley local authorities from last year, with Wolverhampton seeing a 100 per cent increase and Sandwell just over 82 per cent."

"This follows the national trend. We suspect that because there have been a number of high

profile local cases in the media over the last year people are now feeling a greater responsibility to report these concerns."

A total of 40 people from Wolverhampton contacted the charity to report emotional neglect or abuse in the 2013/14 year, with 30 of those cases referred to the local authority – double the previous year's number.

Sandwell had the next-highest number of cases reported, followed by Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley.

The figures come as the Government considers a new law to tackle child abuse.

## New senior coroner chosen

A FORMER crown court prosecutor has been named the new senior coroner for the Black Country.

Zafar Siddique will take over responsibility of investigating sudden and suspicious deaths in September.

He says he hopes to provide a 'timely and effective' service to families when he takes on the post.

He said he will also pioneer the use of digital imaging in his role, which will cover Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton. He will take over from Robin Balmain, who is to retire after 40 years.

Mr Siddique said: "I am absolutely delighted to have been given the opportunity to serve the diverse communities of the Black Country and wish to build upon the work of the retiring coroner, Mr Balmain."

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## 'Significant' failings over discrimination

WEST Midlands Police has been criticised by the police watchdog for 'poor' handling of discrimination complaints.

The force is one of three accused of 'significant' failings in the way it dealt with allegations of discrimination, in an Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) report.

Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire forces have also been criticised.

The IPCC said the forces do not take such complaints seriously enough, particularly when made by the public, as opposed to officers. The report said too many complaints were resolved locally without a formal investigation.

The IPCC examined 202 cases of discrimination complaints made to the three forces and found that of 170 that were made by members of the public, only 94 were investigated and none were upheld. Yet overall, the three forces upheld between 11 and 13 per cent of complaint allegations from the public.



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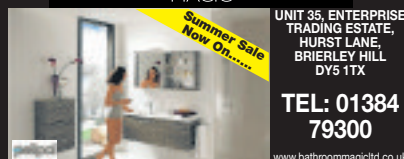
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# Revamp of market place well under way

MARKET stall holders in Dudley are settling into their temporary home as the next stage of work begins on the revamp of the historic market place.

The town's market traders can now be found on the opposite side of the fountain, with an overspill at Stone Street Square on busy days.

They have been moved to make way

for stage two of work on the scheme, which includes the replacement of the existing market stalls.

## Continue

The market will continue to operate six days a week during this period.

Shoppers are being reminded by the council that they are able to use

certain parts of New Street for parking. Motorists are advised to use the turning area at the top of New Street for safe exit from New Street, and New Street, Castle Street and Fisher Street remain closed to through traffic.

Nine new temporary car parking spaces are to be created in Stone Street.

# College launching appeal on refusal of road crossing plan

DUDLEY College is lodging an appeal after plans for an 'essential' pedestrian crossing between campus buildings was rejected.

Dudley Council refused to grant permission for a puffin crossing to be installed between the college's new Evolve site and its Broadway campus.

Councillors feared it could cause traffic queues in the town centre and went against the officers' recommendation that it should be approved. They were also concerned it would have an adverse impact on air quality.

The decision was met with fury from college chiefs who, after 18 months planning, had expected the plan to be approved.

Principal Lowell Williams said lives of students could be in danger when they cross The Broadway, whilst the crossing would provide a safe walk way for the 1,500 students who attend the centre.

## Essential

He explained: "In response to the college's planning application for an essential puffin crossing on The Broadway, Dudley being rejected, additional independent noise and air quality surveys have been completed. These findings will accompany the appeal, which the college intend to lodge with the Planning Inspectorate, who deal with appeals for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government."

He added: "The additional costs of the appeal and survey are being borne by the college. The appeal has taken time and money, which could be used to better effect."

In April, the Student Union organised a protest against the council's decision. total of 14 students took part in the demonstration wearing T-shirts with tyre marks across them, arguing that without a crossing there could be a fatality.

The proposal was first mooted last summer as the number of students and staff using g the road near the Tower Street junction 'increased dramatically'. A survey, carried out by an external consultant, suggested some form of crossing was required to reduce the risk to pedestrians.

The crossing plan follows council proposals to reduce the speed limit in the Broadway from 40mph to 30mph

Dudley Evolve opened in September 2012 and has been built on the site of the former fire station in Tower Street. It is part of the college's £36m Learning Quarter.

## Stars out at Merry Hill



He's behind you — Peter Andre's attraction is no mystery to the girls at Merry Hill

PETER Andre and Towie star Amy Childs pulled in the crowds when they appeared at the Merry Hill shopping centre.

Hundreds of fans queued for the chance to get a glimpse of Australian heartthrob Andre – some for up to five hours – as he signed copies of his new album.

He wasn't the only famous face at the shopping mall, with Amy Childs from The Only Way Is Essex also making an appearance to advertise her new clothing range.

It was all part of a publicity drive by new owners of the shopping centre Intu.

Andre, promoting his swing music album Big Night and new fragrance range Forever, chatted and waved to the crowd as well as posing for pictures with fans. Hundreds queued up, armed with camera phones, to meet the 41-year-old father-of-three who won the hearts of fans with his debut song in the 1990s Mysterious Girl.

Amy Childs was promoting her fashion range with a pop-up shop. The former Celebrity Big Brother contestant was also celebrating her 24th birthday and was presented with a birthday cookie from Millie's Cookies in the shopping centre.

# Council in talks with Centro on the bus station

PLANS are in the pipeline to improve Dudley bus station. Centro has started discussions with Dudley Council about work on the 27-year-old station.

The council has said redevelopment would provide the town with a modern bus station similar to Stourbridge's.

Centro spokesman Peter Cameron said: "There are currently no set plans to replace the station, however we are working with Dudley Council to look at ways in which it could be further enhanced for passengers in the future, either through refurbishment or redevelopment.

"These considerations are in the very early stages, and of course such plans need to be extremely detailed and consider not only the implications on the current environment but also any possible future developments such as further extensions to the Midland Metro."

Dudley's transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "Initial discussions are already taking place with Centro in relation to a proposed redevelopment of Dudley bus station which would be similar to the new modern bus station in Stourbridge"

WOLVES and Aston Villa lost a total of more than £60 million in a year, new figures reveal. But West Bromwich Albion made a profit of £6.2m, the only club in the West Midlands to be in the black for the year.

Wolves' loss in 2012-13 was a direct consequence of their relegation from the Premier League which saw revenue nearly halved to £32.1m. Villa's loss of £24m was the second highest in the Premier League in 2012-13, although their revenue of £81.7m increased by two per cent.

Football finance experts Deloitte's Annual Review revealed that Albion was one of only 13 clubs in the top flight to show an operating profit. Their income of up to £69.7m showed the biggest increase in the area, up to five per cent. Walsall earned £4.8m. Villa's revenue figure of £81.7m was 10th highest in the Premier League, but six of the region's top eight clubs saw their revenue drop.

The income of Premier League clubs ranged from Manchester United with £363m to Wigan with £58m, while the average salary for a player in the top flight was £1.6m.

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## Seconds and third chance to see Dawn

ACTRESS and comedienne Dawn French brings her show 30 Million Minutes — a rough estimation of her age — to the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, for three consecutive nights from Wednesday to Friday (June 18-20).

The Vicar of Dibley star and former wife of Lenny Henry has based the show on her life and career and describes it as “somewhere between a monologue, a play and an autobiographical slide show with a few funnies thrown in.”

Meanwhile, American comedy magic double act Penn and Teller have sold out their performances at the Alex on Sunday and Monday. Direct from Las Vegas, the duo promise jaw-dropping stunts.

## Not-so-happy families on stage

THEATRE highlights this week include Alan Ayckbourn's poignant comedy Woman in Mind, in which a vicar's wife is on the edge of a breakdown as she invents a perfect family as an antidote to her real one.

It is staged at Birmingham Rep's main house from tomorrow until June 28.

A loveless marriage implodes with terrible consequences in psychological thriller Design For Murder by Donald F East, featuring Peter Amory from Emmerdale. It is at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

# Black Country blues guitar heroine coming home for gig

## Caitlin to meet her readers

THE eldest of eight children, home-educated in a Wolverhampton council house, Times columnist and best-selling author Caitlin Moran is coming to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre next month as part of a UK tour that's heading towards being a sell-out success.

She will speak about men, women, feminism, music and TV, and much more, and reading from her books How To Be A Woman, Moranthology, and soon to be published first novel for adults How To Build A Girl.

After the show on Wednesday, July 16, she will be signing copies of her books.

Her experiences growing up in Wolverhampton inspired her to write TV sitcom Raised By Wolves, shown on Channel 4 last year.

Tickets cost £25.75.



Raised in Wolves — best-selling author Caitlin Moran

## BLUES rock guitarist Joanne Shaw Taylor will be back on home turf when she appears in her native West Midlands later this year.

Wednesbury-born Shaw Taylor, who now lives in Detroit, will be appearing at Birmingham Town Hall on November 15, hot on the heels of the release of her forthcoming studio album The Dirty Truth.

She made her live debut at the original Robin R'n'B Club in Brierley Hill in 2001 at the age of just 15.

Shaw Taylor will be supported by former Whitesnake guitarist Bernie Marsden for her homecoming concert. Tickets are priced £17.50. The Dirty Truth will be released in the UK on September 22.

The album sees her reunited with Jim Gaines who produced her critically acclaimed 2008 debut album White Sugar.

“I wanted to go back into the studio in Memphis with Jim to retain the same vibe that we captured on the first album,” she said. “The new album is a combination of rock and blues, and I think it's going to be an exciting collaboration, and hopefully, my fans will love the rockier edge.”

As for this week, as part of her 30th birthday tour, Radio 2 Folk Singer of 2014 Bella Hardy is visiting 30 of her favourite venues with her band The Midnight Watch. That brings her to the MAC in Edgbaston tonight. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) and the show starts 8pm.

Following on from the recent success of When The Lights Go Out acoustic night, Baddies' Boogie will be taking over the studio at the Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street, Wolverhampton, for another showcase of local talent tomorrow night. On the bill this time is Wolverhampton singer/songwriter Daniel Kirk, Loose Lips, West Bromwich's Jak & Dave, Shropshire lad Oly Flavell, Willenhall's Chloe Rose Fisher and Zak Christie. Tickets are £5 and the show starts around 8pm.

More award-winners are coming to Wolverhampton when duo Gilmore & Roberts are guests of the Newhampton Folk Club win the upper room of the Newhampton Inn, Riches Street, on Saturday at 8.30pm. Tickets are £9.



Black Country blues guitarist Joanne Shaw Taylor

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You can hear the traditional harmonies of Caffery and McCurk at Black Diamond Folk Club tonight. The club meets on Fridays at 8.30pm at The Lamp Tavern, Barford Street, Highgate, Birmingham and the club is celebrating its 50th anniversary season.

Thrash mandolin player, TV presenter and comedian Ade Edmondson brings his Bad Shepherds to the Robin2, Bilston, on Sunday. Tickets are £19.50 or £22 on the night. Support from The Shellac Collective.

## Opera Usher in macabre horror

WELSH National Opera bring three productions to Birmingham Hippodrome for their mini-season from Wednesday to Saturday.

Sir John Tomlinson will take the role of Moses in rarely-staged Schoenberg opera Moses und Aron, sung in German with English surtitles, on Wednesday (June 18) at 8pm.

Verdi's Nabucco with Mary Elizabeth Williams in the lead role of Abigaille is staged on Thursday and Saturday (June 19 and 21) at 7.15pm, sung in Italian.

Edgar Allan Poe's macabre tales feature in The Fall of the House of Usher, a double bill of Gordon Getty's Usher House (sung in English) with Debussy's La Chute de la Maison Usher (in French), on June 20.

## Martial arts in multi-media show

IMMORTAL Chi, a spectacular blend of Chinese martial arts, acrobatics and percussion from the team that brought the Shaolin Warriors on tour, is coming to the West Midlands.

Conceived and directed by Erick Villeneuve, it tells of a Tai Chi master's quest to regain his secret of inner energy, blending traditional elements with dazzling multi-media effects and the sound of the Chinese drummer girls.

It will be staged at Wolverhampton Grand this coming Monday and at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre on June 22 and 23.



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## CHOICE



Wayne Rooney

**Match of the Day Live (BBC1, 10.20pm)**  
England v Italy (Kick-off 11.00pm). Coverage as Roy Hodgson's men get their World Cup Group D campaign under way at the Arena Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil. The sides also met in the quarter-finals of Euro 2012, when the Italians were largely dominant throughout, but the match ended 0-0, with the Azzurri progressing on penalties. The teams faced each other again two months later in a friendly, when England prevailed 2-1, but both sides were far from full-strength. Since that contest, England have qualified for this tournament in a competent, if unspectacular manner, winning six and drawing four of their 10 fixtures to finish one point clear of Ukraine at the top of the table. Meanwhile, Italy also earned six victories and four draws from their qualifiers.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the semi-finals of the Wimbledon warm-up event, held at the Queen's Club in London. Coverage continues on BBC2. **4.00** Match of the Day Live. **4.30** Match of the Day Live. Colombia v Greece (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the opening World Cup match for both teams.

**7.10** BBC News: Weather. **7.30** **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman challenge more famous faces to plumb the depths of their general knowledge. The teams are Coronation Street star Jennie McAlpine (Fiz) and radio DJ Justin Moorhouse, impressionists Alistair McGowan and Kate Robbins, Kate's comedian brother Ted Robbins and fellow funnyman Mark Little, and husband-and-wife TV presenters Troy Farrow and Katy Hill. (R)

**8.20** **The National Lottery. In It to Win It.** Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Gaby Roslin presents the Lotto and Thunderball draws. Last in the series.

**9.10** **Casualty.** A man with dementia is brought in after suffering a bump to the head, and after giving the staff the runaround he finally settles down thanks to Connie. But as his condition worsens, can she save him? Jeff and Tamzin are called out to a party where the boiler has exploded, putting intense pressure on an already busy department as an influx of revellers turn in the ED. Ethan and Rita suspect one of the partygoers of being bulimic, while a frustrated father is forced to leave without his ill son being seen.

**10.00** BBC News: Weather. National Lottery Update.

**10.20** Match of the Day Live. England v Italy (Kick-off 11.00pm). Coverage as Roy Hodgson's men get their World Cup Group D campaign under way at the Arena Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil. **1.35** BBC News.

## BBC2

**8.00** MOTD Kickabout. **8.30** Brazil's Soccer Cities. **8.55** World Cup Films. **10.30** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights. **11.15** Wimbledon Classics. (R) **2.00** Film: Citizen Kane. (1941) Oscar-winning drama, starring Orson Welles. **4.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships semi-finals. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

**6.30** **Trooping the Colour Highlights.** The key moments from the military parade when the Colour was trooped by Ninemen Company, Grenadier Guards, at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall, central London, to mark the Queen's official birthday.

**8.00** **Yes, Prime Minister.** Jim feels local government isn't really representative, so is eager to hear more about proposals to reform the system. Sir Humphrey fears this would lead to the civil service losing its power and turns to an unlikely ally to help persuade the prime minister to think again. Political comedy first broadcast in 1988, starring Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne. (R)

**8.30** **I Love 1988.** The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles look back over the year the high-kicking heroes in a half-shell took the world by storm, Bill and Ted set off on an Excellent Adventure and Robbie Gibson went head to head with Tiffany for pop supremacy. This Morning began dominating daytime television, Bros and Neighbours star Kylie Minogue hit the charts, and the emergence of acid house changed the clubbing scene.

**9.55** **Red Dwarf.** Red Dwarf is on a collision course with five black holes and Holly recommends that the crew members abandon ship and regroup after the danger is over. Cat and Kryten take off in Red Dwarf, while Lister and Rimmer make their escape in Starbug, but are marooned when it is hit by a meteor and crash lands on an icy planet. Comedy first aired in 1989, starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles. (R)

**10.25** **TOTP2: 80s Special.** Memorable top of the Pops performances from the 1980s, including Adam and the Ants, Soft Cell, Madness, Culture Club, Pet Shop Boys, Wham!, Bros, Black Box and Lisa Stansfield. (R)

**11.55** Film: **Body Heat.** (1981) Thriller, starring William Hurt. **1.45** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **12.30** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.30** Fool Britannia. (R) **2.00** Film: Babe: Pig in the City. (1998) **3.40** Gail & Me: 40 Years on Coronation Street. (R) **4.10** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.00** Tipping Point. (R)

**6.05** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather.

**6.30** **You've Been Framed! Top 100 Talent.** Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 talent-themed clips sent in by viewers. (R)

**7.30** **FIFA World Cup Live 2014.** Uruguay v Costa Rica (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the opening Group D match for both nations, which takes place at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil. While England will be busy preparing for their opening fixture later tonight, their fans will have one eye on this encounter given that it features the other two teams in their group. Uruguay have been among the top 10 nations in the FIFA rankings for some time now, and while they begin as favourites to succeed here, they will need to perform better than they did in the qualifying campaign. Having finished fifth in the CONMEBOL group just behind Ecuador, they secured their place in the tournament via a two-legged inter-confederation play-off against Jordan, and avoided what would have been an embarrassing upset. Costa Rica are one of four nations to have qualified from the CONCACAF region, joining the USA, Honduras and Mexico, and this will be their fourth appearance at a World Cup finals. In eight previous fixtures against Uruguay they have never recorded a victory, losing six times and drawing twice, with the most recent clash ending in a 1-1 draw in 2009.

**10.15** ITV News: Weather.

**10.30** **Road Rage Britain: Caught on Camera.** (R)

**11.30** Film: **Play Misty for Me.** (1971) Psychological thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

**1.30** FIFA World Cup Live 2014. **4.15** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** The Tomorrow People. **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York, Sandown Park and Musselburgh. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.15** **Come Dine with Me.** Sue Hood hosts the final night in east Hampshire, hoping to impress her guests with a Caribbean-themed dinner party, before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. (R)

**6.40** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.05** **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke revisits Keith and Shenna McIntyre a year after they battled extreme weather conditions to convert a listed Thomas Telford-designed church on the Outer Hebridean island of Berenay into a holiday home and artist's studio. The couple also had to overcome the challenge of integrating with the local community while trying to manage the build from their home in Newcastle. George finds out what life is like in their new home and whether they have been successful in winning a prestigious architecture award. (R)

**8.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud meets Paul and Penny Denby, who are demolishing their mock-Georgian home on an exclusive south London estate to replace it with a contemporary mansion. The couple have little building experience and struggle with the dozens of design decisions they must make, and find themselves £250,000 short of the amount needed to finish the property. (R)

**9.00** Film: **Forrest Gump.** (1994) A simple soul bumbles his way through a series of bizarre adventures, becoming an American football star, Vietnam veteran, table tennis champion and millionaire businessman – but the love of his life continues to elude him. Robert Zemeckis's Oscar-winning comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks, Sally Field, Robin Wright and Gary Sinise.

**11.45** Film: **The Beach.** (2000) Danny Boyle's drama, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Tilda Swinton.

**1.55** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.00** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) **11.45** Big Brother: Eviction. (R) **1.10** Film: Ghostbusters. (1984) Supernatural comedy, starring Bill Murray. **3.15** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

**6.00** **Hercules the Human Bear.** The story of Andy and Maggie Robin's relationship with a grizzly bear they bought as a cub from a zoo in Aviemore, the Highlands, initially to fulfil Andy's need for a unique wrestling partner, and which went on to become a star of TV and films. The documentary examines the bond that the couple and Hercules forged during their 25 years together, including the time the bear went missing for 24 days in the Outer Hebrides after escaping while filming an advertisement, terrifying the locals and fascinating the public. (R)

**7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day of the First Test in the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's. The tourists are still searching for their first-ever victory in this form of the game at the home of cricket, with their last three visits in 2002, 2006 and 2011 all ending in draws, but they will take great heart from their 3-2 victory in the one-day series, which saw them win the deciding encounter in some controversy surrounding the wicket of Jos Butler.

**8.00** **5 News Weekend.**

**8.05** **The Girl with 7 Mums.** Documentary exploring the domestic life of 10-year-old Ellie Sharp, whose father took seven wives and is head of Britain's only openly polygamous family. (R)

**9.00** **Autopsy: Whitney Houston's Last Hours.** Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the singer in February 2012, with the post-mortem revealing the damage caused by years of drug and alcohol abuse. (R)

**10.00** **Big Brother: Power Trip.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.

**11.00** **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide  
**7.15** Doctor Who: 8.00 Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2012 **11.00** Family Guy 12.50 American Dad! **1.35** The World Cup's 50 Greatest Moments **3.30** Badtuts **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **8.00** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **9.00** Wallander **10.30** Natural World **11.30** The Comet's Tale **12.30** The Sky at Night **1.00** Tails You Win: The Science of Chance **2.00** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **3.00** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **4.00** Close

**ITV2**  
**11.05** Take Me Out **12.15** I Wanna Marry "Harry" **1.15** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **2.00** You've Been Framed and Famous! **3.20** You've Been Framed! **3.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Stephen's Heroes **5.00** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Hairiest **6.00** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Surprise Stars **7.05** Film: Year One (2009) **8.00** Film: The Holiday (2006) **11.45** Film: Red Dragon (2002) **2.05** Viral Tap **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**  
**12.50** Pollyanna **2.55** Lewis **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV4**  
**11.40** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **2.25** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **4.00** Film: Dragnet (1987) **6.05** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **7.50** Hornblower **10.00** Film: Schindler's List (1993) **1.45** Nitro Circus **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

**E4**  
**2.00** Made in Chelsea **3.05** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** Rude (ish) Tube **6.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Film: He's Just Not That Into You (2009) **11.40** The Big Bang Theory **12.10** Rude Tube: Total Stunts **1.15** How I Met Your Mother **2.15** 2 Broke Girls **3.30** The Cleveland Show **4.15** Glee **Film4**  
**11.00** Big Business (1988) **1.00** The Rocker (2008) **2.55** Brewster's Millions (1985) **4.55** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **7.00** The Italian Job (1969) **9.00** Predator (1987) **11.05** Predator 2 (1990) **1.15** Sightseers (2012) **3.15** Close

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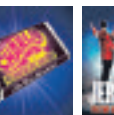
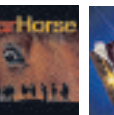
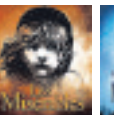
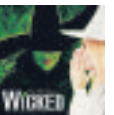
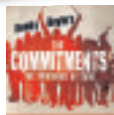
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CHOICE



Charlie Hamilton James

**I Bought a Rainforest (BBC2, 8pm)**  
Nine months in and Charlie Hamilton James's project has hit rock bottom, so he decides to spend time with one of his neighbours – a Wacheperi shaman who treats sick people with traditional plants and hallucinogenic medicines. He then heads across the border to Brazil to meet a cattle rancher planning to burn down a huge chunk of virgin forest to increase the size of him farm, giving Charlie a clue as to how to make his scheme work. Back on his land, Charlie makes squatter Elias an offer and the pair embark on a new joint venture.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Football Focus: World Cup Special. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Regional Programme. **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Super Giant Animals. (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Points of View. **5.15** Lifetime. **5.25** Songs of Praise.  
**6.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.  
**6.30 Countryfile.** The team is in Port Talbot, south Wales, where Shauna Louvi switches on the largest electricity generating waterwheel in Europe after its refurbishment. Ellie Harrison has a go at the country's fastest-growing watersport and Matt Baker goes in pursuit of an unusual animal in Margam Park. Also, Tom Heap looks at predictions that more than 40 British beaches will next year be labelled as unsuitable for bathing because of new European regulations and Adam Henson meets the old boys of a little-known pre-war farm training scheme. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**7.30 Match of the Day Live.** France v Honduras (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the opening World Cup Group E match for both sides, which takes place at the Estadio Beira-Rio in Porto Alegre, Brazil. France were the envy of many nations when they were handed arguably the easiest group from which to progress, having only narrowly qualified for the tournament following their play-off victory over Ukraine, which saw them overturn a 2-0 first-leg deficit to reach their fifth successive finals. With Switzerland and Ecuador the other sides involved, France will expect their star-studded squad to finish top and reach the last 16, where they may also be handed a favourable draw against a team from Group F. Presented by Gary Lineker, with commentary by Jonathan Pearce and Martin Keown.  
**10.05 BBC News;** Weather.  
**10.30 Match of the Day Live.** Argentina v Bosnia-Herzegovina (Kick-off 11.00pm). The opening World Cup Group F match for both sides, which takes place at the Estadio do Maracanã in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.  
**1.10** Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.05** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. **7.50** World Cup Films. **9.30** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights. **10.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **1.00** Canoe Slalom: World Cup London. **2.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships final. **5.30** Tropic of Cancer. (R)  
**6.30 Ice Age Giants.** Alice Roberts explains what the remains of mammals reveal about how they fared in cold climates. In Transylvanian caves, she discovers evidence of a conflict between a cave bear and a lion, both of which became victims of a deep freeze that swept across Europe, while in Siberia she finds that the well-preserved remains of a female woolly rhinoceros demonstrate it was perfectly evolved to face the bitter conditions in Yakutsk – the coldest city on Earth. Alice also travels to a Jersey cave, where archaeological findings shed light on how Ice Age human beings and Neanderthals fashioned stone tools to hunt mammoths. (R)  
**7.30 Sea City.** The work of the people who keep the Port of Southampton running but are often hidden from view, including a bunkering tanker skipper who provides fuel for the ships.  
**8.00 I Bought a Rainforest.** Charlie Hamilton James receives inspiration on how to make his project work after visiting a Brazilian cattle rancher and embarks on a joint venture with Elias. Last in the series.  
**9.00 Wildfires 2014: Inside the Inferno.** Part two of two. Simon Reeve joins an aerial operation to waterbomb a wildfire and Kate Humble experiences what it is like inside a firefighting truck as the flames approach.  
**10.00 Mock the Week.** The topical comedy quiz show returns, with Ed Byrne, Milton Jones, Romesh Ranganathan and Katherine Ryan joining Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons and host Dara Ó Briain. (R)  
**10.30 QI XL.** Isy Tittie, Tim Minchin and Bill Bailey join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of keys. (R)  
**11.15 Film: Then She Found Me.** (2007) Comedy drama.  
**12.50** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.50** Holy City. (R) **2.50** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. **4.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadline Stories. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.30** Nature's Newborns. (R) **2.00** Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game. (1993) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Faye Dunaway. **4.00** FIFA World Cup Live 2014. Switzerland v Ecuador (Kick-off 5.00pm).  
**7.15** Regional Programme; Weather.  
**7.20** ITV News; Weather.  
**7.30 The Cube – Celebrity Special.** Phillip Schofield invites world champion hurdler Dai Greene and former Olympic javelin thrower Fatima Whitbread to take on a series of fiendishly difficult challenges inside The Cube. Each given nine lives at the start, they face up to seven tasks, ranging from agility tests to skill trials, and the more they complete, the greater their chances of winning £250,000 for charity. (R)  
**8.30 The Suspicions of Mr Whicher: The Murder in Angel Lane.** Another chance to see the second instalment of the crime drama starring Paddy Considine as the pioneering 19th-century inspector. Having left the Metropolitan Police under a cloud, Whicher's days as a detective are behind him. However, when he saves a respectable country lady from a violent robbery in a dangerous part of London, she hires him to investigate the savage murder of her 16-year-old niece. The investigation pits Whicher against wealthy and powerful figures, as well his former colleagues in the Met, and leads to a psychiatric institution where he must confront his own demons. Co-starring Olivia Colman, Shaun Dingwall and Mark Bazely. (R)  
**10.30 ITV News;** Weather.  
**10.45 Film: Gosford Park.** (2001) A shooting party at a country estate ends in murder, all under the watchful eye of the servants. Robert Altman's period drama, with Maggie Smith.  
**1.15** The Store. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **4.15** May the Best House Win. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.40** Vibram Tarawera Ultramarathon. **7.10** VW Racing Cup. **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Film: The First Wives Club. (1996) **5.35** Deal or No Deal.  
**6.30 Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00** **Born in the Wild.** Gordon Watson, Celia Sawyer, Alex Proud and David Sonnenthal dig deep into their pockets for a pair of Muhammad Ali's boxing boots, antique big-cat taxidermy, provocative sculptures and original artworks from hit horror films. Meeting each potential buyer in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to reject an offer. Presented by Anita Rani.  
**8.00** **Born in the Wild.** Mark Evans and Joy Reidenberg visit Australia to uncover the reproductive secrets of marsupials. The kangaroo thrives in one of the driest environments on Earth – the Outback – thanks to its extreme baby-making survival strategy. At a remote research station, Mark uses night-vision cameras to observe wild males tracking down fertile mates, while Joy uses ultrasound to monitor the progress of a female's pregnancy. Plus, how koalas have mastered gravity-defying intercourse, and the critically endangered rock wallabies that are being given foster mothers.  
**9.00** **Fargo.** Lester has an unexpected encounter, Malvo changes course and a new investigation leads Molly down a familiar path. The penultimate episode of the American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' much-loved film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Colin Hanks and Allison Tolman.  
**10.05** **The Virgin Killer.** On May 23, British-born Elliot Rodger murdered six students and injured 13 in Santa Barbara, California. This documentary examines the events of that day and those leading up to it.  
**11.10** **Film: The Happening.** (2008) Horror, starring Mark Wahlberg.  
**12.50** **Film: The Escapist.** (2008) **2.35** Utopia. (R) **3.35** The Birthday. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **11.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.15** Big Brother: Power Trip. (R) **1.10** Film: Mannequin. (1987) Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy. **2.55** Film: Nim's Island. (2008) Comedy adventure, starring Jodie Foster. **4.45** Film: Hitch. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Will Smith and Eva Mendes. **7.00** **Cricket on 5.** England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents catch-up from the fourth day of the First Test in the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's. Sri Lanka last visited these shores for a two-match Test series in 2011, and both matches ended in draws, and while England are going through a transitional period under head coach Peter Moores they will be expected to improve on that given they are still ranked third in the ICC Test rankings, while the visitors are down in seventh. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.  
**8.00** **Illegal Immigrant & Proud.** Documentary following people who have settled in the UK illegally and who have managed to live their lives largely under the radar of the authorities. (R)  
**8.55** **5 News Weekend.**  
**9.00** **Big Brother: Power Trip.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.  
**10.00** **Film: The Vow.** (2012) Premiere. A woman wakes up after a car crash with no memory of her husband, who tries to get her to fall in love with him. Romantic drama, with Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum.  
**12.05** Hercules the Human Bear. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Film: Madagascar (2005) **8.50** Great TV Mistakes **9.00** Comedy Fest Live 2013 **10.00** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.15** Russell Howard's Good News **12.45** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **1.30** Barely Legal Drivers **2.30** Street Kid World Cup **3.25** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Timewatch: Captain Cook – The Man Behind the Legend **8.00** Film: Scott of the Antarctic (1948) **9.45** Icebound: The Greatest Dog Story Ever Told **10.45** Timeshift: Of Ice and Men **11.45** Killing Me Softly: The Roberta Flack Story **12.45** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **1.45** Timewatch: Captain Cook – The Man Behind the Legend **2.45** Icebound: The Greatest Dog Story Ever Told **3.45** Close  
**ITV2**  
**3.10** You've Been Framed! **3.40** Film: Arthur and the Great Adventure (2009) **5.55** Film: Rumor Has It (2005) **7.50** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **10.00** Viral Tap **10.45** TV OD **11.20** Film: Couples Retreat (2009) **1.35** Viral Tap **2.10** The Cube **3.00** Teleshopping  
**ITV3**  
**11.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.50** Lewis **5.55** Midsummer Murders **8.00** Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) **10.15** Lewis **12.15** Film: Out of Africa (1985) **3.05** Judge Judy **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale  
**ITV4**  
**10.4** Greatest World Cup Goals **3.45** Film: The Appaloosa (1968) **5.50** Film: Rooster Cogburn (1973) **8.00** Storage Wars **9.00** Film: National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) **11.05** Film: The Parole Officer (2001) **12.55** Best of Brazil **1.55** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club **2.35** Tommy Cooper **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping  
**5**  
**3.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **7.00** The Mindy Project **7.30** New Girl **8.00** Film: The Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud (2010) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** Rude Tube: Total Stuns **11.30** How I Met Your Mother **12.30** Rules of Engagement **1.30** The Ricky Gervais Show **2.55** The Cleveland Show **3.20** Hollywoods  
**Film4**  
**1.00** Coraline (2009) **3.00** The Princess Diaries (2001) **5.15** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **6.55** Star Trek II: The Search for Spock (1984) **9.00** Transporter 3 (2008) **11.00** Trading Places (1983)

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Film Choices

**MONDAY**  
**The Grudge 2, ITV, 10.35pm**  
After barely surviving a fire that burned a cursed Tokyo house to the ground, Karen Davis is recovering in hospital. Karen's sister Aubrey travels to Japan to bring her home, but her investigation into the suspicious events leading up to her sibling's injuries sets Aubrey on a frantic mission to prevent menacing supernatural beings from reaching the US. Horror sequel, with Amber Tamblyn and Sarah Michelle Gellar. (2006)

**TUESDAY**  
**Rambo: First Blood Part II, ITV, 10.35pm**  
Incarcerated Special Forces veteran John Rambo is offered the chance for freedom by former commander Colonel Trautman if he takes up the offer to return to the jungles of Vietnam on a life-or-death mission to rescue American PoWs. During the course of the operation, he develops strong feelings for his guide, a female freedom fighter – but tragedy strikes, leaving him more determined than ever to exact a bloody and explosive revenge. Action adventure sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. (1985)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**The Hindenburg, Channel 4, 2.20am**  
The famous German zeppelin is prepared for its fateful transatlantic voyage in 1937, only for the Nazi government to receive word that a plot is afoot to destroy the craft. A security agent is placed on board the airship to uncover and prevent any attempts at sabotage, but finds himself surrounded by a multitude of possible suspects among the passengers. Disaster movie, with George C Scott and Anne Bancroft. (1975)



The Grudge 2, Monday, ITV, 10.35pm

**THURSDAY**  
**Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Channel 4, 10pm**  
A reprogrammed killing machine is sent back in time to the 20th century to protect John Connor, a teenage boy whose destiny is to save the human race. After breaking John's mother out of a mental institution, the pair set out to avert a future nuclear war – pursued by an advanced prototype terminator with shape-changing powers. Sci-fi action adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. (1991)

**FRIDAY**  
**Buster, BBC2, 11.05pm**  
Fact-based crime drama about the life of Buster Edwards, a member of the gang responsible for the Great Train Robbery. Going on the run after the notorious heist, he flees to Mexico with his family. However, his homesick wife struggles to adapt to her new life, leaving the outlaw with a difficult choice. Starring Phil Collins and Julie Walters. (1988)

Pick of the Week

# The Goodmans make a return to our screens

It's been 18 months since we last caught up with with TV's favourite Jewish family, the Goodmans – and that's an age in TV terms.

We thought that was it, they'd left our lives forever. But thankfully that's not the case, because here they are, back for a new run of the sitcom.

"I'm so excited to be making a new series of Friday Night Dinner with such a fantastic cast once again," says writer and producer Robert Popper. "I really could not be happier. Well I could, if say, I'd taught crows how to speak and they, in turn, taught me how to fly."

Nerys Evans, Deputy Head of Comedy, Channel 4, adds: "We're thrilled we're going to be spending more Friday Nights with the Goodmans, and not forgetting Jim and Wilson too. Robert's created such a brilliantly warm and funny world, and the cast are just sublime, we can't wait to join them for more Friday Night Dinners."

Although it's truly an ensemble piece, it's Tamsin Greig who

effortlessly manages to grab the spotlight – but then again, she is arguably the leading female light in British sitcom at the moment thanks to this show and the BBC Two hit Episodes.

"I think it's lovely," she says of this project. "The editing is beautiful, it's as if it's written on the page, very very fast, tightly shot, very funny and a credit to the people who put it together."

Here she plays Jackie, the matriarch who's very much at the head of the family, a fact that Greig discovered was true to life when she spent an evening with some Jewish friends.

"I went to a mate's house for Friday night dinner and there was a lot of food and the women were really loud," she says, widening her eyes. "And so I just used that. I thought the women might be more retiring, but the women really do run the shindig and I thought that was brilliant."

"But Robert hasn't had to think up any of this. He should really say it was written by his dad!"

However, she does have one problem during filming – sharing the screen with her old Green Wing sparring partner Mark Heap.

A known 'corpser', Greig says it was "almost impossible" to film with Heap as Jim the neighbour. "I think there are some scenes where you can't cut to me at all because I'm just laughing out loud every time he moves," she recalls.

At the start of the new run, Jackie is thrilled – Adam seems to be having more luck with the ladies. In fact, at long last, he's bringing a lady (or 'female' as his dad would say) home to meet his parents and brother Jonny. However, as you may already have guessed, the evening doesn't go quite to plan.

That's because the Goodmans are currently taking care of eight-year-old Katie who has a crush on Adam. So when she spots some incriminating photos on his phone, she spies the perfect opportunity to blackmail him into doing everything wants.

And barking like a dog while wearing make-up doesn't go down well with Emma...



Simon Bird stars in Friday Night Dinner, Friday, Channel 4, 10pm

## Best of the Rest

**MONDAY**  
**Tigers About the House BBC2, 8pm**  
New series. Documentary following zookeeper Giles Clark as he hand-rears Sumatran tiger cubs Spot and Stripe, which were born at the Australia Zoo in Queensland and are one of the most critically endangered species on earth. To help give them the best start and ensure their survival, Giles takes them home to live with his boisterous family and gives them round-the-clock care for the first four months of their lives. The film gives an intimate look into the crucial early development of the cubs as they struggle through their first crucial weeks, while Giles embarks upon the toughest parenting job of his life and tries to save the species from the brink of extinction in the wild. Andrew Lincoln narrates.

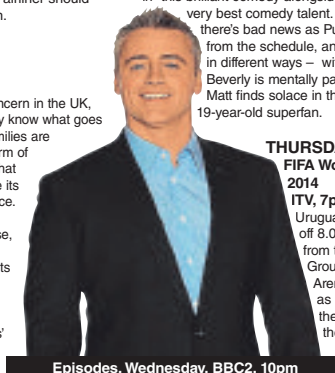
**Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole Channel 5, 9pm**  
It's been a hot topic for a while, and there's almost been as much coverage on this subject recently as there has been on the World Cup. Well okay, maybe not quite that much. Figures suggest that there are more people living off benefits now than at any time since the foundation of the welfare state. Some put this down to factors such as immigration, lack of jobs, and, controversially, laziness. But can we really be so judgemental until we understand the circumstances of those who rely on the state? This series aims to give us an insight into the lives of claimants, including Jordan McDonald from Great Yarmouth, who had his benefit payments cut when the job centre discovered he had not attended a work programme.

**TUESDAY**  
**Horizon: Where Is Flight MH370? BBC2, 9pm**  
The inside story of the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH 370, which vanished on March 8 while en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. The film reveals how the Boeing 777 disappeared in a radar blind spot and what investigators believe happened to the aircraft in its last minutes, and hears from the British satellite engineers who tracked the plane's final hours. It also examines new technologies including black-box streaming and enhanced air-traffic surveillance that mean an airliner should never be lost without trace again.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**My Violent Child Channel 5, 9pm**  
Domestic violence is still a big concern in the UK, and while it's true we'll never really know what goes on behind closed doors, some families are suffering an altogether different form of abuse; one that's so devastating that many refuse to even acknowledge its existence – child-on-parent violence. This one-off programme tells the shocking story of this kind of abuse, and reveals how helplines receive over 11,000 calls a year from adults being physically abused in their home. The documentary takes a look at the hidden world of such violence and follows three families' journeys as they struggle to get their head around their children's

behavioural issues – and cannot help but question what they could be doing differently in their parenting.

**Episodes BBC2, 10pm**  
Back when television phenomenon Friends ended after its 10-year run, its stars could have been forgiven for laying awake at night with worry about what they'd do next. For Matt LeBlanc, however, that worry would have been wasted energy. Okay, so spin off series Joey probably didn't do as well as he'd have hoped, but it seems he's found his place in this brilliant comedy alongside some of our own very best comedy talent. In tonight's episode there's bad news as Pucks! is finally pulled from the schedule, and everyone reacts in different ways – with Sean in denial, Beverly is mentally packing her bags and Matt finds solace in the arms of a 19-year-old superfan.



Episodes, Wednesday, BBC2, 10pm

**THURSDAY**  
**FIFA World Cup Live 2014 ITV, 7pm**  
Uruguay v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the eagerly awaited Group D fixture at the Arena de Sao Paulo, as both sides play their second match of the tournament. While this may not officially be the

Group of Death, the draw in December did little to breathe life into England's campaign, as Roy Hodgson's men were handed this clash with the South Americans to follow their opener against Italy. While Uruguay struggled in qualifying and needed a play-off against Jordan to make it through, they will still be regarded as one of the favourites due to their outstanding strikeforce, which includes Edinson Cavani, Diego Forlan and Luis Suarez. The injury-hit latter of those three will no doubt attract the greatest attention ahead of this fixture, having proven a controversial character in his time at Liverpool, for whom he was in outstanding form last season. In fact, the striker was at the centre of one of the most memorable moments of the last World Cup, when his last-minute deliberate handball on the goal line against Ghana resulted in his dismissal, although the subsequent penalty miss by Asamoah Gyan saw the match go to a shootout, which Uruguay won to become the only South American representative in the semi-finals.

**FRIDAY**  
**Seven Wonders of Brazil BBC2, 9pm**  
Brazilian Catholicism is a mixture of influences that has developed since the country was colonised by the Portuguese almost 500 years ago, combining song and dance, African and native beliefs and the faith of the southern Europeans who invaded. In this film, theologian Robert Beckford explores the incredible spiritual diversity of the South American country by examining seven things that embody the melting pot of Brazilian Christianity, from statue of Jesus Christ to the samba beat of the carnival.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

### Across

3. Old-timer maybe  
rough to a girl (4-5)
8. Dance and swim  
(4)
9. Self-driver (6,3)
10. And so I became a  
fair man (6)
11. Another name for a  
criminal (5)
14. Cab he orders to  
the seaside (5)
15. Act in rotation (4)
16. Odds, strangely  
enough (5)
18. Help a character in  
opera (4)
20. Liberal politician  
has some beer  
around (5)
21. A measure in  
progress (5)
24. A car's crashed by  
a learner - a culpa-  
ble character (6)
25. A call to order,  
perhaps (9)
26. Antediluvian crafts-  
man (4)
27. Member of a team  
as an extra occupa-  
tion (2,3,4)

**Down**

1. Barge route turned out to be an astronomical figure! (5,4)
2. Notes - possibly Roman made (9)
4. So backward about turning up for work (4)
5. A revolting subject (5)
6. A trail that winds, there may be a catch in it (6)
7. It's Ena's turn to be reasonable (4)
9. In panic he hides in a corner (5)
11. Well up in a small department (5)
12. Not much reason for doubt (9)
13. Well, you're not! (9)
17. Didn't stand an enemy of good (5)
19. A new combination again (6)
22. Has to make professions of loyalty (5)
23. Things cracked up to stupefy (4)
24. Measure up a door (4)

[illegible]

### Quick Clues:

### Across

3. Penetrating (9)
8. Brink (4)
9. Playwright (9)
10. Choice (6)
11. Guide (5)
14. Proportion (5)
15. Daybreak (4)
16. Arrive at (5)
18. Heath (4)
20. Diminish (5)
21. Indigent (5)
24. Careless (6)
25. Melancholy (9)
26. Revolve (4)
27. Kept (9)

## Down

1. Airfield (9)
2. Disturbance (9)
4. Merit (4)
5. Send (5)
6. Enmity (6)
7. Inquisitive (4)
9. Giver (5)
11. Doubtful (5)
12. Predatory (9)
13. Non-stop (9)
17. Harbour (5)
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24. Roam (4)

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LAST WEEK'S  
SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
 CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Sham; 3 Spectres; 8 Inca; 9 Joined up; 11 Pouring oil on; 13 Rather; 14 League; 17 Cinema screen; 20 Troubled; 21 Rain; 22 Distress; 23 Less. Down: 1 Skippers; 2 Account; 4 Plough; 5 Confidence; 6 Rodeo; 7 Saps; 10 Life member; 12 Meanings; 15 Grenade; 16 Waters; 18 Irons; 19 Stud. QUICK Across: 1 Case; 3 Hardware; 8 Thin; 9 Misspent; 11 Red-letter day; 13 Clever; 14 Outset; 17 Plough; 20 Cleverest; 21 Ed; 22 Spalinger; 23 Idol. Down: 2 Cataract; 2 Swindle; 4 Aviate; 5 Drought; 6 Arena; 7 Eats; 10 Pedestrian; 12 Ethereal; 15 Squalid; 16 Orange; 18 Ideal; 19 Toss.

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## Spec unveiled for Ypsilon

**Details and pricing for the revised Chrysler Ypsilon range have been announced by Fiat UK.**

The range features new entry and premium versions, additional equipment on the mid-range car, fresh colour choices, and new names that bring the UK series in line with the rest of Europe.

Powered by a choice of three economical, low emission engines – 1.2-litre 69 hp petrol, 1.3-litre MultiJet 95 hp diesel and 0.9-litre 85 hp petrol – the range now comes in three trim levels, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

With a starting price of just £9,895 for the 1.2 Silver, the new Ypsilon, which is available the UK now, represents outstanding value for money.

Ypsilon Silver, which replaces the S

version, is comparably equipped but includes internal and external styling changes, new seat design and detail finishes. The exterior is further enhanced by a refreshed colour range which includes three new colours: Marble Grey, Khaki Grey, and Sapphire Blue.

Linked to the paint colour is a choice of internal and external finishes to items such as front grille, door mirror covers, hub cap centres and dashboard panel – all of which are available in either gloss black or matt dark grey. Added to this, the final accent colour is also selectable between Coconut, Watermelon or Lime, dependent on the body-colour.

The new Ypsilon Gold version is a direct replacement for the outgoing SE, and is identical in both equipment (including 15in alloy wheels, air con-

ditioning, leather-wrapped steering wheel and power door mirrors) and look – with the addition of Blue&Me as standard equipment. This allows the driver to connect an external music device and stay legal and safe with built-in Bluetooth technology for telephone calls on the move.

Top-of-the-range Platinum version takes Ypsilon back to its origins as a luxury small car. Packed with unprecedented standard equipment, it features include 16in alloy wheels, automatic climate control, rear power windows, cruise control, part leather seats and Magic Parking, which helps the driver park in tight spaces.

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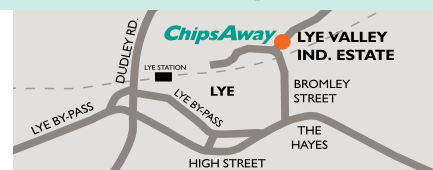
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# The Infiniti gives a buzz to the luxury end of market

By Bill McCarthy

Infiniti for many, could conjure up images of children's favourite Buzz Lightyear. So for those people still in the dark about Infiniti, the start of the Formula 1 season will give ample reminders.

The Japanese car maker, the luxury arm of Nissan, sponsors the Red Bull racing team. And while the brand, launched in the UK continues to grow slowly in the public's consciousness, it has been around for more than 25 years, gaining particular success in America.

The cars are at the executive, luxury end of the market and offer a combination of standout design, powerful engines and cutting edge technology.

The also offer a high level of standard equipment across the range, which can add many thousands to the prices of their competitors.

No better example perhaps of this is the new Q50, a luxury saloon which is packed with technology and features a new, 2.1 litre diesel engine sourced from Mercedes, plus a hybrid version. It also marks the first car in the Q or QX range, which will brand all their cars, right up to the Formula 1 Q100 driven by Sebastian Vettel.

It is an eye-catching car both inside and out and definitely food for thought for its German rivals. The turbocharged diesel gives the car decent acceleration and excellent economy, plus, importantly, low CO2 emissions which make it a real option in the all-important business sector. Emissions of just 114 g/km put it in the lowest benefit in kind taxation bracket and while the claimed 64-odd mpg average consumption seemed optimistic, the car was easily in the mid-50s range.

The 170PS diesel has plenty of urge, propelling the vehicle to 60mph from a standing start in just 8.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 144mpg. But it is not all about the power. This is a refined unit with little diesel clatter and what engine, road and wind noise there is, is effectively muffled by the car's soundproofing system. Transmission is delivered via a slick-shifting six speed gearbox sending drive to the rear wheels.

Another advantage is how the car looks, a distinct difference to the German market leaders and always attracting curiosity. It has flowing, yet muscular lines, eye-catching headlight and rear light clusters, twin exhausts twin, five-spoke 17-inch alloys and off course the Infiniti badge.

The exterior is also protected with the firms 'healing' paint, which self repairs small scratches. Inside the car is both roomy and comfortable. It has the longest wheelbase in its class so both front and rear occupants get good head and leg room. It also features a huge 500 litre boot and the rear seat splits 60/40 for extra luggage space and there is access to the boot through the rear centre armrest. The layout of the dash and controls is neat and logical while the dash features a battery of hi-tech equipment, dominated by the central dual touchscreen which looks pretty much like a computer tablet with its swipeable screen.

For the most part fixtures and fittings are high class, but the expensive feeling soft touch finish in some areas is let down by some lower grade plastics. The steering wheel is also multi function and the car features the now-common-place push button starter. Needless to say luxury cars need to ride well and the Q50 is a comfortable car to be a passenger and driver and although perhaps not the most dynamic of models, it still feels sure footed and grips well on corners.

At just over £30k this is a lot of car for the money. Whether it can attract the potential buyers from the established German brands remains to be seen but throw in standard kit like Infiniti Drive Mode Selector, Bluetooth, rear view camera, zone adaptive climate control, six-speaker sound system and heated leather seats and it looks an attractive package.

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## Fusion make a mark on Chase

THE Wolverhampton City Netball League saw Fusion, in their first summer season in Division 1, topple current runners up Chasetown A, 25-17, showing they are a team that deserve to be in the top flight.

Sam 2 had to pull out all the stops against Phoenix Hornets to secure all five points, accurate shooting by Sam's shooters ensured their victory by just two goals.

Division 2 Eurostars only just managed to pull ahead to win their game against Cresta 22-19.

Sedgley Sirens in Division 3 managed to ring out a victory over Odyssey 19-1 Wordsley Storks netted 29 goals to Whitmore A's 13 to secure the win.

Division 4 saw Libra Lea Navy do well to beat Zimmers 20 goals to 10.

Division 1: Whitmore X 32 (5) Lucas 14 (0); Chasetown A 17 (1) Fusion 25 (5); Jupiter 17 (1) Sapphires 30 (5); Sam 2 30 (5) Phoenix Hornets 28 (2).

Division 2: Eurostars 22 (5) Cresta 19 (1); Roldred 17 (1) Sam 3 25 (5).

Division 3: Whitmore A 13 (0) Wordsley Storks 29 (5); Sedgley Sirens 19 (5) Odyssey 15 (2); Crescent 16 (0) Whitmore Y 35 (5); Phoenix 25 (5) Ladybirds 25 (3).

Division 4: Dolls 26 (5) Amec Ladies 22 (2); Diamonds 23 (5) Ice 16 (1); Zimmers 10 (1) Libra Lea Navy 20 (5); Whitmore Y 35 (5) Wanderers 19 (0).

Division 5: Thundercats 17 (5) Phoenix Scorpions 16 (2); Breezers 10 (5) Core Stars 0 (0); Sam 5 4 (0) Chasetown B 36 (5); Allsortz 3 (0) Blaze 38 (5).

## Delight at signings for Pitmen

HEDNESFORD Town manager Rob Smith has said he is delighted at the capture of two exciting signings from Skrl North rivals Brackley Town.

Also admitting that with the budget of some teams in the division this year he has to show a degree of patience to secure new signings.

Smith has moved quickly to resign players from last year but believes the capture of Steve Diggin and Glenn Walker can refresh his squad ahead of pre-season.

"I have spent a lot of time trying to get these two to the club and I'm delighted they have chosen us. They believe we are the right club for them. Their attitudes are refreshing."

# Eggington powers his way to victory

STOURBRIDGE'S Sam Eggington and Walsall's Daniel Breeze were on the ball as they competed at Aston Villa Football Club's Holte Suite, writes Craig Birch.

The two welterweights, managed by Jon Pegg, were impressive features of Tommy Owens' show on Saturday night as they took victories back across the West Midlands.

Midlands title holder Eggington made Lewis van Poetsch's farewell fight a painful experience, with a second round technical knock-out.

Van Poetsch was determined to finish

### Boxing

on a high, before taking time out from the sport to study at university, and had former European light middleweight champion Ryan Rhodes in his corner.

But the 23-year-old had no answer to Eggington's power as 'the Savage,' 20, battered him from pillar to post soon after the opening bell.

He softened him up with spiteful body shots in the first round before forcing the finish in the second session, referee

Kevin Parker stepping in 'Poochi' was in real trouble after a hammer of a left hook dumped him onto his backside, although he gamely rose to continue with his defences scrambled.

Eggington stepped in to unload a barrage of punches, a flurry of hooks to the head forcing van Poetsch to touch down again. Parker had seen enough and acted, with no arguments.

Trainer Pegg said: "Sam is maturing as a fighter and took him apart, but stayed relaxed as he did it."

"The other lad had come to fight, too."

"He had only ever been stopped twice before, once on his feet and then on cuts, but you could see his head was spinning by the end. He told me he had never been hit so hard." Breeze, like Eggington, was a multi-time national champion as an amateur and was turning over into the paid ring at welterweight.

But it was safety first for the 18-year-old, a product of Walsall Wood Boxing Club, as he outpointed Matthew Ashmole over four rounds.

"Danny Boy" stepped up the pace in the last two rounds to finish on a high.

# Cole in shock switch as Villa rebuilding

**JOE COLE was due to complete a shock switch to Villa as boss Paul Lambert continued to add much-needed experience to his squad.**

The 56-capped former England midfielder had a medical on Monday night and was ready to sign a two-year deal.

Boss Paul Lambert has targeted adding more experience to his squad and sees 32-year-old Cole as the ideal fit following his release from West Ham.

The three-time Premier League winner will become Villa's second summer free transfer after Philippe Senderos, 29, joined last week.

Lambert is having to work under tight constraints with owner Randy Lerner hesitant to fund big-money deals while he looks to sell the club.

The Scot, who has also been linked with Norwich's Wes Hoolahan, is having to deal in free transfers and loans as he tries to ensure Villa don't suffer another season battling the Premier League drop.

Lambert was also interested in Sunderland's Jack Colback before he joined their north east rivals Newcastle yesterday.

Cole had been linked with QPR and Brighton, while he is also believed to have had offers from the MLS.

The former Chelsea playmaker almost moved to Villa on loan from Liverpool in 2011 under Alex McLeish but instead switched to Lille.

He flopped during three years at Liverpool after he left Chelsea in 2010 but returned to Anfield after

### Football

his season in France when Brendan Rodgers took charge.

A breakthrough under Rodgers never came and re-joined West Ham, where he started his career, in January 2013.

Cole made 25 appearances for the Hammers last season, scoring three goals but suffered groin and hamstring injuries.

But he was a key part of Jose Mourinho's Chelsea team during the Portuguese's first spell.

Meanwhile, Ireland's former Villa boss Martin O'Neill hinted Roy Keane can combine his role with being his No.2 and assistant to manager Lambert at Villa.

Keane has been heavily linked with the Villa post after the departures of Ian Culverhouse and Gary Karsa.

Asked if he saw Keane continuing with Ireland for the Euro 2016 qualifiers, O'Neill said: "Very much so, but that's always been my view from the start."

"I said that from day one — he was excellent around the players, and he's added little bits here and there."

## Lye earn a place on anniversary trophy



Chairman Wendy Jiggins and chief executive Neil Jiggins get ready to present the Premier Division League Winners Trophy, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary to Lye Town

## Wolves move in to grab Ortega

WOLVES have raided the Spanish market once again after agreeing a deal to snap up promising Barcelona midfielder Jordi Ortega.

The 19-year-old is set to go into the Under-21s development squad when his contract with Barcelona expires at the end of the month.

Ortega, who helped the Catalan giants win the UEFA Youth League last season, has passed a medical and will become a Wolves player once all the necessary paperwork has been completed between the clubs.

A deep-lying midfielder, Ortega started nine of the 10 matches and came on as substitute in the other as Barca lifted the UEFA Youth League in April, beating Benfica 3-0 in the final.

Ortega was part of a team that won nine of those 10 games, scoring 32 goals and conceding eight.

They won their group containing AC Milan, Ajax and Celtic, beat FC Copenhagen 4-1 in the round of 16, Arsenal 4-2 in the quarter-final and Schalke 1-0 in the semis.

His signing is the latest example of Wolves extending their scouting network for younger talent on a global basis.

## Single score enough to beat Stour

**National Club T20 Stourbridge CC 120 Oswestry CC 121**

STOURBRIDGE CC took on Oswestry on Sunday at home in the ECB National Club T20 Competition.

A delay in the start curtailed the match to 17 overs.

Home skipper Mikes Patel entitled to claim the toss batted first and saw his side post a decent target on a slow paced pitch.

Stour pinned their hopes on the in-form Steve Game and Josh Banks for a target beyond 130. Oswestry openers Warrick Fynn and Mark Robinson relished the opportunity offered by pace put on 71 off 10 overs; Stour was 55-2 at the same stage. Paceman James Winders bowled Sam Hales for 16.

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## Albion in battle to retain Thorne

ALBION are braced for a summer-long struggle over George Thorne despite dismissing an opening £950,000 bid from Derby.

The Baggies rebuffed the offer on Monday night and told Rams chief executive Sam Rush not to bid again. But the East Midlands club are already thought to be preparing a second bid and Thorne is keen on the move after impressing during a five-month loan spell at the iPro Stadium last season.

And that means Albion still face a fight to keep the 21-year-old despite issuing a hands-off warning on all of their players last night following bids for Thorne and Craig Dawson in recent days.

Terry Burton, speaking publicly for the first time as Baggies technical director, said: "George has progressed through the academy into the first-team squad and we have high hopes for him. He underlined his potential while on loan at Derby and we have no intentions of selling him. We have told Derby he is not for sale and that is the end of the matter as far as we're concerned."

"The same goes for all of our players. We are not looking to sell anyone. Our only aim is to strengthen our squad this summer."

## Downing is very positive

PAUL DOWNING sees another summer of major change at Walsall as an exciting opportunity – and not something for fans to fret over.

The ever-improving central defender added his voice to those of Dean Smith's players backing the manager to turn up trumps in the transfer market.

For the third summer running, Smith is facing an overhaul with key figures Andy Butler and Craig Westcarr removed from the roster and doubts still about one of his top signings, left-back Andy Taylor, staying.

But Downing accepts those left behind must step up and take more responsibility as Smith once again tries to work the oracle in the transfer market on one of the third tier's tightest budgets. He said: "I think you always have to be excited about a new season."

# Single point sees Stourbridge disappointed

National Club T20

Stourbridge CC 120 Oswestry CC 121

STOURBRIDGE CC took on Oswestry on Sunday at home in the ECB National Club T20 Competition.

Stour boys beat Shifnal in the first round played on May 5. This was some consolation after Saturday saw a second wash out of Birmingham and District league fixtures of the season. A delay in the start curtailed the match to 17 overs.

Home skipper Mikesh Patel entitled to claim the toss batted first and saw his side post a decent target on a slow paced pitch.

Cricket

Opener James Wood was bowled for two by Mark Robinson in his first over. A partnership of 24 between Alex Bingham and Josh Banks at a run rate of just over four an over put Stour back on track.

Looking to up the run rate, Bingham was next to go, caught driving for 12 off Huxley in the seventh over.

Stour pinned their hopes on the in-form Steve Game and Josh Banks for a target beyond 130. Game produced three boundaries in his knock of 20 runs but fell LBW

to Davidson playing a reverse sweep. Stour reached 67-3 off 12 overs. One more wicket fell, that of Greg Jones bowled by Flynn for six as Stour moved on to 92 off 15 overs.

Matt Bradley and Banks remained not out on 12 and 65 respectively. Banks' score came off 47 deliveries with 7 fours.

Unlike his opponent Stour skipper Mikesh Patel gambled on his pace attack for wickets.

Oswestry openers Warrick Fynn and Mark Robinson relished the opportunity offered by pace put on 71 off 10 overs; Stour was 55-2 at the same stage.

Under the cosh the Stour boys' perseverance produced the first breakthrough run out of Robinson for 52 in the 12th over.

Oswestry needing 35 off 30 deliveries lost another wicket run out that of Alex Huxley for four in the 13th over.

The scent of victory loomed over the Memorial Ground as Stour pushed the division one side to the final over requiring eight runs. Paceman James Winders delivered a mighty blow bowling Sam Hales for 16 off the very first delivery; Winders then had Alex Davidson superbly stumped by the keeper Greg Jones.

## Get back form call for Doyle

WOLVES striker Kevin Doyle has been urged to get back to the player he was by Ireland boss Martin O'Neill.

Doyle scored Ireland's goal with a bullet header from distance in Friday's 1-1 draw with Costa Rica, the first of two friendlies Ireland are playing in the United States, with Portugal in New Jersey tomorrow.

It was his first for his country since he scored against Oman in September 2012 and his 13th in 58 internationals.

Doyle is hoping for another chance in the Premier League after helping QPR back to the top flight via the play-offs.

It was his second promotion of the season after winning a League One title winner's medal, scoring three goals in 23 appearances for Wolves.

Doyle has struggled to show the form that made him such a coveted asset during his first season at Wolves in the Premier League, but O'Neill believes the 30-year-old can rediscover his best form.

"Against Costa Rica I thought he did really fine for us, and that was great for his confidence."

## Midlands trio are cup seeds

WOLVES, Walsall and Birmingham City have all been seeded for the Capital One Cup first round draw.

The three West Midlands teams are all in the southern half of the draw, which will be made next Tuesday at 10am.

The seedings means they can't play each other at the first-round stage.

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketley, Telford, Thursday, June 12

# £46,000 FOR NEW LOOK GLASSBOYS

**STOURBRIDGE Football Club have gained a new look for the club with a change of badge, a fresh motto and a revamp at their ground thanks to a £46,000 cash boost.**

Club bosses want the faithful to their roots while developing new modern facilities at their base in Amblecote.

They hope the new motto – One Heart - One Way – will strengthen the club's links with supporters and the town.

The grant has been awarded to the club to transform its facilities for players and match day officials visiting the War Memorial Athletic ground.

The redesigned badge is based on the town's crest and comes as the club announces it is moving to Evo-stik Northern Premier Division from the Southern due to a league reshuffle.

### Boost

Stourbridge FC will receive £46,615 of National Lottery cash from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund.

Club bosses today said they were 'thrilled' with the cash grant which they hope will boost the grassroots game in the town.

Long-serving Glassboys president Hugh Clark today said: "This is great news for Stourbridge which is the biggest club in the district with around 20 teams altogether and this will help us moving forward in the

future. The social club is already regarded among the best in the league so to have the changing rooms improved will also help players here."

Money is going to be spent on non-slip flooring, decorating walls and ceilings and furniture.

Officials now also plan to make the club fully accessible for people with disabilities. They added the work should allow the club to host an increased number of junior and community matches.

MP Margot James supported the club's grant application and said: "Stourbridge FC is an essential part of the sporting facilities here in Stourbridge and is greatly valued by the local community."

The Glassboys will also sport new badges on shirts next season after they are reverted to a traditional-style based on Stourbridge's Town Crest.

Club chairman Andy Pountney added: "We felt it was important to retain our affiliation to the town and introduce back to the club the old badge which was used many years ago."

### Football

## Jordanne smashes way to second grand slam title



Britain's Jordanne Whaley with tennis partner Yui Kamiji receiving their trophies after the victory

BRITAIN'S wheelchair tennis star Jordanne Whaley has won the second Grand Slam title of her career at Roland Garros.

Whaley, from Halesowen, was partnering Japan's Yui Kamiji to win the women's doubles wheelchair tennis title, beating Dutch top seeds Jiske Griffioen and Aniek van Koot 7-6(3), 3-6, (10-8) in a thrilling final.

It's the second successive Grand Slam title for the Whaley and Kamiji, who won the women's doubles at the Australian Open in January after ending 2013 by winning the Doubles Masters in California, USA.

The second seeds took a 5-3 lead in Paris and came within two points of taking the first set in both the tenth and 12th games, but Griffioen and van Koot, who won all four Grand Slam titles in 2013, forced a tie-break. However, Whaley and Kamiji didn't look back after taking a 4-2

lead in the tie-break and converted the first of three set points.

Whaley and Kamiji went on to race to a 3-0 second set lead, but defending champions Griffioen and van Koot forced the deciding match tie-break. The British-Japanese duo took a 4-1 lead in the decider, before Griffioen and van Koot drew level at 6-6 and 8-8. However, she and Kamiji ultimately held firm to seal a fine victory.



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